Search

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team of the Police Department Harbor Unit and the Staten Island Emergency Services Unit recovered nothing but rubber traffic cones, plastic bags and a child's bicycle.

Lt. Robert Hayes of the scuba unit said the pond search was not started as a result of information received by the police.

The nine searchers inspected the circumference of the pond and an area of about 60 feet into its waters. The search lasted about 30 minutes.

"We're searching in the hope that if she did go in, we'll uncover her," Haynes said.

Yesterday, police began searching the area surrounding Sea View Hospital and continued searching residential areas within a two-mile radius of Jennifer's home.

Today, police and volunteers will complete the search of the Sea View Hospital area and concentrate heavily once again on Staten Island Developmental Center.

"We've been over it a couple of times and feel that we've thoroughly searched it, but we want to satisfy ourselves that we've done all that's possible. We're making an all-out effort," said Wallace.

According to Wallace, police will search Willowbrook Park today "if time permits" but if not, they will search the park eventually.

According to Assistant Police Chief Samuel Marino, a unit of 23 off-duty National Guard volunteers will search the Sea View Hospital area today under the supervision of Capt. Thomas Laresca from the 123rd Precinct.

"The search is only one phase. Detectives are investigating also," said Marino.

New York Telephone Co. in Manhattan also will send about 40 employees to help search for Jennifer, said Marino. Jennifer's father, 40-year-old Kenneth Schweiger, is an assistant manager in the company's accounting department.

Wallace said a group of about 30 volunteers paricipated in yesterday's search of the Sea View Hospital area and a total of about 70 volunteers, including those from New York Telephone, will participate in today's search.

Volunteer efforts also are being organized by Bob Cacciola, head of the Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Team (R.E.A.C.T.)

Cacciola is organizing volunteers from the staffs of the Island chapter of Child Find and R.E.A.C.T. and concerned Islanders. Cacciola said this effort generates about 35 cars at a given time, each car containing between two and six volunteers.

Cassiola and his volunteers have searched Clove Lakes Park, Silver Lake Park and Baron Hirsch Cemetery in Graniteville already. "Areas that were once covered we go over again to look for different activity," he said.

Jennifer is 4 feet, 3 inches tall, about 65 pounds, and has brown hair and hazel eyes. She was wearing a pink "Sesame Street" shirt, pastel shorts and had a yellow pocketbook.

The man she was seen with is described as being mentally retarded, about age 60, thin, 5 foot 11 inches, and with a bald spot on the back of his head.

Dorothy Allison, a New Jersey woman with a reputation of being a psychic, was seen at the Schweiger home yesterday afternoon, but she declined to talk about her work on the case.

Neighbors said Mrs. Allison has told police she believes the girl is in the vicinity of Building 3. Whether the building in question is at Staten Island Developmental Center or some other facility is unclear.

In past years Mrs. Allison accurately predicted the locations of two lost Islanders, Susan Jacobson, whose body was found in 1978, and Steven Vance, whose body was found in 1982.

"The Schweiger family has had contact with some people who are supposed to have psychic powers. The Police Department has not called her in," said Wallace. "If the family were to present us with some information they may have received, we will be most cooperative."

"I know if it was my son or daughter I'd appreciate people working as much as they can," said Officer Robert Hakius of the ESU. "You like to keep thinking you're going to find something even if it's just to help the parents out. You just keep trying."

Anyone who has possible information about Jennifer's whereabouts or who is interested in volunteering to help look for her should call the police's 24-hour confidential hotline number at 447-4168.

Interested volunteers also can call Bob Cacciola of R.E.A.C.T. at 948-4251.