

Eerie words of kidnap

suspect on 3 missing little S.I. girls . . .



JENNIFER SCHWEIGER
Still missing.

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A HOMELESS ex-convict with a record as a sex offender was being held without bail today in the disappearance of Staten Island 12-year-old Jennifer Schweiger.

Police sources told The Post that when they first questioned 43-year-old Andre Rand about Jennifer and two other missing Staten Island girls, he replied:

"You'll never find them."

Two investigators told The Post they fear they may be dealing with a serial killer.

Rand was charged yesterday with kidnaping and unlawful imprisonment in Jennifer's disappearance on July 9th.

His arrest came after police took him to Bayonne, N.J., to investigate his alibi and "it did not check out," according to a police source.

Investigators said several witnesses have identified the slouching loner with close-cropped gray hair as the man they saw walking hand-in-hand with Jennifer when the girl with Down's Syndrome was last seen.

During a brief appearance yesterday in Staten Island Criminal Court, Rand was ordered held without bail pending a 30-day psychiatric evaluation at Kings County Hospital.

Judge Alan Meyer ordered a suicide watch for the prisoner after his Legal Aid lawyer said he "remains totally unresponsive."

Since Jennifer's disappearance, scores of volunteers have been searching the area surrounding the Staten Island Developmental Center in Willowbrook — near her home in the Castleton Corners section — but no trace of the youngster has been found and it is not known whether she's dead or alive.

Police sources said

'YOU'LL NEVER FIND THEM'

No bail for
ex-convict
sex fiend

Rand, who also used the names Frank Bruchett and Frank Rashan, is a suspect in four other Staten Island disappearances — three of young girls and one of a middle-aged female employe

at Willowbrook.

In addition, investigators said, Rand is expected to be questioned about disappearances in other boroughs and other parts of the metropolitan area because

he drove a car and was known to travel beyond Staten Island.

"He could have gone anywhere," said one detective.

Rand's criminal record includes a 1969

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