

WEIRD AND DARE

Bizarre world of the 'Staten Island monster'

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A BIZARRE portrait of a drifter with many names and many personalities emerged yesterday as Staten Island residents described their encounters with the "schizoid" vagrant charged with kidnapping 12-year-old Jennifer Schweiger.

Officially, he is 43-year-old Andre Rand — alias Frank Bruschept, Frank Bouchette and Frank Rushan — a convicted sex offender and a suspect in the disappearance of four young girls and a woman. To the employees of the Mercury Laundromat on Victory Boulevard, he's Ben — the "weird," fanatically clean man who came by every Thursday night to wash his few items of clothing — including his shoes — over and over again with ammonia.



ANDRE RAND: The ex-con sex-offender left a "creepy" impression with his neighbors.



JENNY SCHWEIGER
Vanished.

sorry."

To a young divorcee, he is Andre, the "child-like" but "well-spoken" loner who worked on his car in her Willowbrook Road driveway and "sometimes didn't seem to be aware that I was standing right there talking to him."

And to Barbara Homme, he's the polite, toothless stranger who stopped her one day to ask for a date and was turned down because "he made me feel scared."

Police had focused on Rand as a suspect in Jennifer's disappearance as long as three weeks ago and they quickly came to believe he was a "schizoid" type, sources said.

A team of detectives was sent to Quantico, Va., where the FBI's behavioral sciences division puts together psychological profiles and does research on serial killers.