

Portrait of a 'Pied Piper'

Info on suspect pouring in

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Police were swamped with calls yesterday from dozens of people who said they crossed paths with Andre Rand, the alleged Staten Island Pied Piper charged with kidnaping 12-year-old Jennifer Schweiger.

"We'll check out each lead from anyone who may have come in contact with him," said police Capt. Michael Julian. "We're trying to collect all the background information on the man that we possibly can."

As police searched for Jennifer at the William Davis Wildlife Refuge on the island, a highly placed prosecutorial source acknowledged that the case against Rand is lean on evi-

dence and could rest on the judge and jury's interpretation of kidnaping.

Prosecutors will attempt to prove that Jennifer, a victim of Down's syndrome, was "restrained and abducted" even though five witnesses said she went along willingly with Rand on July 9.

Rand, 43, charged with kidnaping, began 30 days of psychiatric testing yesterday in Kings County Hospital. Authorities said he has made no statements about the Schweiger case or three other missing-girl cases in which he is a suspect.

Detectives searched an undisclosed Staten Island neighborhood yesterday for a house where Rand occasionally lived with another man. Most recently, he lived in a camp in

the woods at the old Willowbrook institution.

Among those offering information on Rand was Edith Kennedy, a Port Richmond widow who received a bizarre love letter from Rand in which he suggested that she get rid of her cat and her son so he and Kennedy could live together as a "financial team."

Kennedy, 60, said she met Rand, who used the name Daniel Fhey, at a bus stop in March 1985. He asked for a date, then sent her a letter.

"What I am trying to say is if worst does not come to worst, not now, but in the future, you may want to think it over," Rand wrote. The son and the cat "will be the only two things that should ever come between us."



PRIME SUSPECT: Andre Rand has been arrested in the disappearance of 12-year-old Jennifer Schweiger.

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