



# ***Staten Is. kidnap monster nabbed***

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## **'You'll never find them...'**

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arrest in the South Bronx for kidnaping and attempting to rape a 9-year-old girl, according to police spokesman Michael Julian.

Rand pleaded guilty to a reduced misdemeanor sex abuse charge and was sentenced to four years in jail. He was paroled in January 1972 after 16 months behind bars.

Rand was arrested another three times on minor misdemeanor charges, but not convicted, according to police.

Then, in January 1983 — while working as a school bus driver — he was arrested on charges of unlawful imprisonment and endangering the morals of a minor.

According to police and court records, Rand had taken 11 Staten Island youngsters on an unscheduled five-hour "frolic" to New Jersey to watch planes take off and land at Newark Airport.

Police said Rand's employment record — which includes a

two-year stint in the late 1960s as an attendant at state mental hospital at Willowbrook — shows no other jobs since he worked for the bus company.

Although he appeared dazed, disturbed and unaware of his surroundings in court yesterday, several investigators said they believe "it's an act."

"He may be homeless, but he's not stupid," said one detective. "He's very clever."

As Rand stood slumped and sullen before the judge, Jennifer's heartsick parents, Kenneth and Karen Schweiger, sat quietly holding hands in the courtroom.

"We were here to see that justice was done," the grief-stricken father later told *The Post*.

The grandparents of another missing Staten Island girl — Holly Ann Hughes — also came to court for Rand's arraignment.

Helen and Sven Cederholm said that Rand's name and description popped up

following Holly's disappearance in 1981

Rand has been camping on the grounds of the Willowbrook Developmental Center — not far from the Schweiger home and also spent time at a site in Bayonne, N.J.

He also visited a shelter known as Project Hospitality, run by the Brighton Heights Reformed Church at 320 St. Mark's Place on Staten Island.

A social worker there said Rand had been coming there intermittently only about a year — for food — not for a bed.

"He was very quiet and didn't ask for much. He was very friendly, but not very open. It actually took a while for him to admit that he was homeless," said the social worker, adding that Rand had not been seen in about two months.

Rand also was characterized as "very ambitious" — while homeless, he rented commercial space in a Bay Street building and hand-painted signs for local businesses.

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