

# Missing girl's family watches SIDC search

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Holly Ann Hughes has been missing for six years.

Members of her family continued hoping she was still alive for years after the formal police search for the girl ended.

Now, three days after Jennifer Schweiger's body was discovered buried on the grounds of Staten Island Developmental Center, Holly Ann's grandparents nervously await reports of progress made by police specialists digging on the grounds for clues to the murder, and other buried bodies.

"I definitely feel that they will (find Holly Ann's body)," the girl's grandmother, Helen Cederholm, said during an interview with the Advance yesterday. "I'm dreading the thought of going through the trauma."

Andre Rand, the man charged with kidnapping Jennifer Schweiger, had been interviewed by detectives trying to track down Holly Ann. Police have also identified Rand as a suspect in the disappearances of at least two other Staten Island children and a woman.

"Rand's name came up repeatedly during the case," Mrs. Cederholm said while recalling the investigation into her granddaughter's disappearance. "It's always been on my mind."

According to authorities, Rand was visiting his aunt, whose home neighbored Holly Ann's in Port Richmond, the day the 7-year-old girl vanished.

"We followed up all kinds of leads," Mrs. Cederholm explained. "But, Rand's name came up in the very beginning."

The family's search continued, going from the police, to the family, to a private investigator. Although there were times when false leads would send the family's hopes soaring, no trace of Holly Ann was ever found.

Mrs. Cederholm and her husband, Sven, remained in Eltingville, while the girl's mother, Holly, later moved to Manhattan. Holly Ann's father, Peter, still lives on Staten Island, the grandmother said.

Family members had been left with only questions concerning Holly Ann's disappearance, until the disappearance of Jennifer Schweiger brought to light a possible pattern of kidnapping and murder by someone targeting vulnerable children.

According to police, detectives in Manhattan have called upon their computer files for information concerning children under 16 years old with emotional prob-