

Volunteers to search site in New Springville

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Searchers who found the body of Jennifer Schweiger Aug. 12 will look for evidence of her disappearance in the New Springville area today, a spot where suspected kidnapper Andre Rand reportedly had a campsite.

The Friends of Jennifer group will search the area along Forest Hill Road, opposite the New Springville Little League complex, according to Donna Cutugno, volunteer coordinator.

The team of searchers will meet in front of Holy Family R.C. Church in Westerleigh at noon before heading out to the area, and anyone interested in joining the hunt is welcome.

The group has been focusing its search on cemeteries, wooded lots and waterfront areas on the North Shore.

Meanwhile, a specialized team of police continued to look for evidence and more bodies on the grounds of the Staten Island Developmental Center (SIDC).

Capt. William Wallace, commander of Staten Island detectives, said police are conducting a "painstaking extensive search" in the wooded area behind Building 27, where Jennifer Schweiger's body was found. Investigators are also examining Rand's campsite, which was about 50 yards away from the shallow grave.

Thursday, the officers found

parts of the "latrine" Rand used at the site.

Police again surveyed the location from about 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. hoping to find Jennifer's clothing or possibly the bodies of other persons reported missing.

Rand is charged in connection with the disappearance of 12-year-old Jennifer Schweiger and is currently undergoing psychiatric evaluation at Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn.