



Andre Rand
Questions remain

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disappeared July 15, 1981, nearly nine years to the day that Alice Periera vanished.

Holly Ann disappeared at 9:30 p.m. while on her way to a delicatessen near her home at 90 Park Ave. Rand reportedly visited his aunt on the day Holly Ann disappeared. The aunt lived in a building that shared an entrance way with Holly Ann's home.

Detectives brought up Rand's name early in the investigation, according to Holly Ann's grandparents, Helen and Sven Cederholm.

A member of the girl's family had said Rand was seen talking with the child earlier in the day. Police reported the girl had been spotted speaking with a man in a Volkswagen that day. Rand was reportedly seen driving a green Volkswagen that same day.

Police said Rand was questioned extensively regarding the girl's disappearance, but they released him for lack of evidence.

The girl's mother, also named Holly Ann Hughes, attended the Rand trial every day, except for the day of the verdict. She has no doubt who took her child.

"Holly Ann's the reason why she was there," said Fran Auriti, a member of the Friends of Jennifer, the volunteer group that eventually found Jennifer Schweiger's body. "If he (Rand) was convicted, she

would feel Holly Ann, along with Jennifer, can now rest in peace."

Missing: Tiahese Jackson

Tiahese has not been seen or heard from since 1983, after leaving her home, the Conca D'Oro Hotel in Mariners Harbor.

Early that year, Rand was arrested and convicted for another child-related crime. On Jan. 10 he took 11 children on an unauthorized bus trip to Newark Airport and was arrested upon returning to Staten Island five hours later.

Two months later Rand was convicted of unlawful imprisonment, charges resulting from the bus trip. He was released from prison Aug. 1 after serving five months of a 10-month sentence.

On the night of Aug. 13, less than two weeks after Rand had been released, 10-year-old Tiahese Jackson disappeared while running an errand. She was on her way to the Crown Supermarket at 933 Richmond Ave.

During a published interview last year, Tiahese's mother Gwendolyn said she had seen a man matching Rand's description "who used to hang around the hotel and the lot across the street.

Police questioned Rand three days after the girl's

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