

Willowbrook ex-aide faces morals count

A psychologist who worked for five years in the Willowbrook State School and now treats children at state hospitals in Brooklyn and Long Island was accused yesterday in Queens Criminal Court of sexual abuses involving two young boys.

The psychologist, Edward Silverg, 35, of Astoria, Queens, was charged with sodomy, sexual abuse, endangering the health and welfare of children, and possession of pornographic materials.

Silverg had worked at Willowbrook from October 1963 until October 1968.

Judge Philip Chetta held him in \$11,000 bail for a hearing next Monday.

Police said Silverg's accuser, whose name was not disclosed, is a Brentwood man with two boys under the age of 13.

According to police, last December a friend of the family asked the father for permission to take the two boys to a Christmas show in Manhattan. Instead of going to the theater, the friend took them to Silverg's apartment, police said.

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Silverg allegedly gave the boys liquor and enticed them to perform various sex acts. While they were doing this, Silverg allegedly took slides and still photos, according to police.

The family friend took the two youngsters to Silverg again a few days later, police said, and then dropped from sight.

The two boys apparently were afraid to tell anyone at the time, police said. But last week, police said, the friend appeared again and sexually abused the boys. Then they told their father, police said.

The family friend, whose name was not disclosed, was being sought, police said.

Police said the officers who went to Silverg's apartment Sunday night found more than 250 pictures of at least 50 different young boys performing sex acts.

Since October 1968, Silverg has served as a psychologist at the Kings Park State Hospital on Long Island. A spokesman for the institution said he worked exclusively with children.

Silverg told the judge he has a master's degree in psychology but is not certified.