

# Bottle of poison stolen at Willowbrook

A burglar broke into a sewage treatment plant at the Willowbrook State School last night and stole a one-ounce bottle containing a poisonous chemical, police reported.

Police at the New Dorp stationhouse said the bottle containing bromthymol was discovered missing at about 7 p. m. Police said it appeared

likely the burglary was an "inside job," but an official of the institution said the facility is not fenced off and can be reached by outsiders from nearby woods.

Edward Rosenfeld of the city's Poison Control Center said the substance has a "low degree of toxicity" and probably would not be fatal

unless swallowed and left untreated. He said the chemical appears yellowish and is used to test the relative acidity of other solutions.

The chemical creates a purple stain upon contact with skin but otherwise does not cause serious damage, he said.

Police said they did not know a motive for the theft.