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## 6 arrested in beating at Willowbrook

Another incident of mistreatment of patients at Willowbrook State School unfolded yesterday with the arrests of two attendants and four patients for allegedly beating another patient with sticks during a card game.

Arrested on charges of assault were the two attendants, Herbert J. Cooper, 23, of 170 Clove Rd., West Brighton, and James Golson, 23, of Bayonne, and the four patients whose names are being withheld.

According to police, the investigation of the case, which was conducted by Detective Albert Cutler under the direction of Sgt. Dermot Cooney, began Jan. 13 when Mrs. Madeline Migliorisi of the Bronx reported to police that her son, Frank Curcio, 21, had been assaulted in the school the previous night.

At that time, Mrs. Migliorisi went to the school to visit her son and discovered he was badly bruised. She removed him to Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx, where he was treated.

The alleged beating took place while Curcio was playing cards with Cooper, who police said lost his temper and ordered the four other patients and the other attendant to beat Curcio with sticks.

The six were arrested by Cutler in the New Dorp stationhouse after the investigation was concluded.

Golson and the four patients were issued appearance tickets returnable in Criminal Court Feb. 2, while Cooper was held overnight for an appearance in Brooklyn Weekend Court today to answer a warrant for a previous burglary arrest.