

## Willowbrook death seen accidental

James A. Forde, acting director of the Willowbrook Development Center, issued a statement yesterday regarding the death Friday of Jaime Rivera, an 18-year-old resident.

Forde said "An investigation into the death is currently under way by both the administrators in Willowbrook and the Staten Island police. The preliminary investigation indicates that Jaime Rivera sustained an accidental fall. How that fall occurred is being investigated."

"In any sudden death of a resident, the medical examiner and the police are always involved," he added.

Detective Charles Ackerman, one of the detectives investigating the incident, said: "I don't see any reason to believe anything else but that the death was accidental at this point. The kid was known to jump violently and toss and turn in bed and he apparently fell out, hitting his head on the floor."