

Missing patient found dead

A mentally retarded resident of the Willowbrook Developmental Center who had been missing since dinnertime yesterday was found dead this morning on the grounds of the institution.

The patient, Michael Romano, 64, was found sitting on a bench, dead, near Building 4 at 8 a.m. by a safety officer. About 50 Willowbrook employes had joined in the search for Romano since 7 p.m. yesterday.

Romano was described by a Willowbrook spokesman as a fairly self-sufficient resident who lived in an open ward and often went on walks around the grounds but "always came back for dinner."

Police and Willowbrook doctors rushed to the scene today, but there was no indication of foul play in Romano's death.