

Cops probe Willowbrook burn cases

Detectives are investigating the alleged abuse of two Willowbrook Developmental Center residents who, "under questionable circumstances" had suffered first and second degree burns within three weeks of each other.

The incidents were brought to the attention of detectives yesterday by Building 2 team leader Roger O'Malley after Willowbrook officials termed the circumstances under which each of the patients suffered the injuries as "questionable."

Police reported that the pa-

tients, Greta Bowler, 31, and 22-year-old Angela Liotta, both residents of Building 2, suffered first and second degree burns on the back and abdomen. Miss Bowler, who police say was injured Aug. 1, also was burned on the back, possibly with a hot liquid, police reported.

Although Willowbrook spokesman Joyce Libra said that the two were "immediately" examined by the center's doctor, she was at a loss to explain why there was almost a three week delay in reporting the first incident.

"It was one of those borderline questionable things in which we decided to go ahead and report it," Miss Libra said of the examinations.

According to police, Miss Liotta was injured last Sunday and was examined by a physician shortly afterwards.