

STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE, Tuesday, October 21, 1975

## Patient's death unsolved

The case of Louisa Burdi, the Willowbrook Developmental Center resident found dead in Pennsylvania last week, was closed yesterday when the city's chief medical examiner said he could not make a determination on the cause of death.

The body, he said, was too badly deteriorated—the aftereffects of approximately three weeks in a pond near the Honesdale, Pa., camp for the retarded where she was last seen alive—for him to make a determination on a cause of death.

The medical examiner, Dr. Dominic DiMaio, did say, however, that there was no evidence of sexual abuse.

Sources close to the investigation of the disappearance and death of Miss Burdi said that Dr. DiMaio was asked specifically to check for possible sexual abuse.

Miss Burdi, mildly retarded, was a resident of Willowbrook for 19 years. She disappeared Aug. 20 and was the object of a massive police search.