

Patient's death is probed

Detectives will probe the June death of a 22-year-old Willowbrook Developmental Center patient after the medical examiner's office yesterday revealed that a chemical imbalance existed in a sample of the woman's blood.

A post autopsy report indicated that an "unusually high" amount of alcohol was found in a sample taken from Theresa Headley, who died June 9 in the U.S. Public Health Hospital, Clifton.

Miss Headley was first treated in Willowbrook's infirmary after complaining of pain and then transferred to the Clifton facility, where she died a few hours later.

Dr. Rangasamy Natarajan, director of medical services at Willowbrook, said that there was no evidence of an abnormal amount of chemicals found in the girl's bloodstream at the time of her death. Police were not notified, he said, because the death didn't appear suspicious.

Natarajan explained that it is not unusual for the results of a post mortem chemical test to take four or five months to be evaluated.