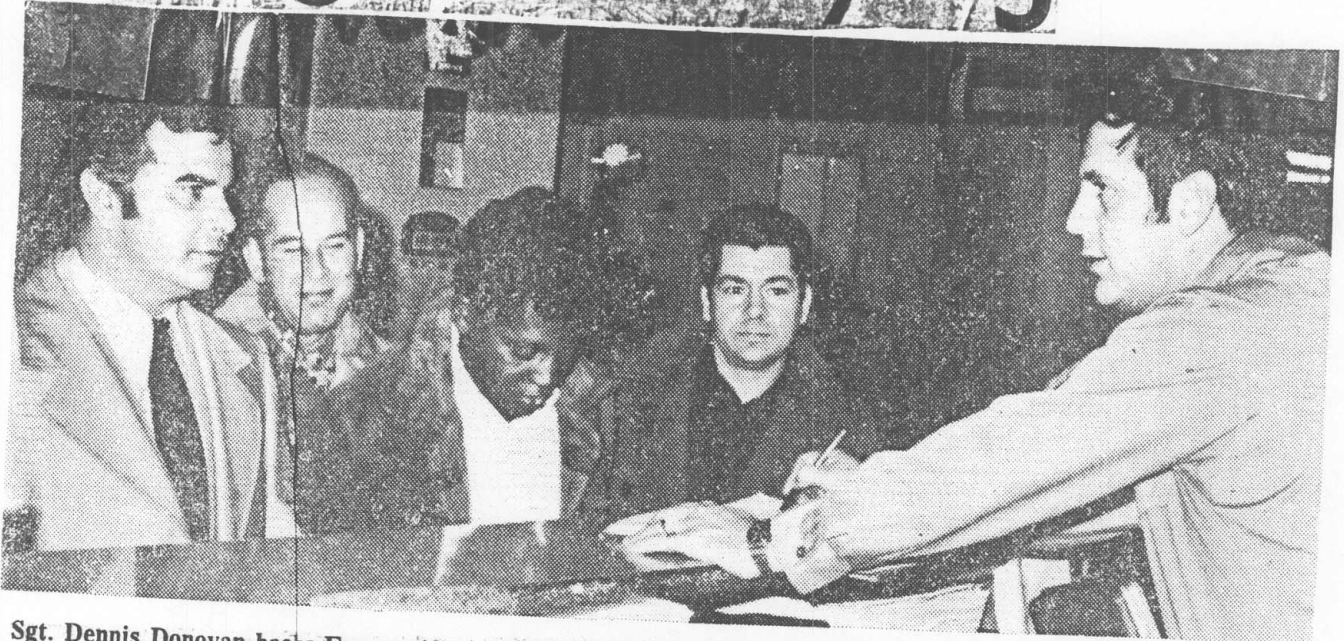


# Suspect held in New Brighton slaying



Sgt. Dennis Donovan books Eugene Allen, center, in the New Dorp stationhouse for the murder of a Willowbrook Developmental Center patient. Allen is surrounded by, from left, Detectives Alfred Siragusa, George Siersema and George Capuano. S.I. Advance Photo by Irving Silverstein

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A kitchen employe at Willowbrook Developmental Center will be arraigned on a homicide charge today for the bludgeon murder of a 30-year-old patient who was slain following a New Year's Eve party in New Brighton.

Eugene Allen, 24, of 444 Jersey St., a former patient at the center, was arrested at work yesterday afternoon in Building 18 for the murder of Raul Cordero, a co-worker in the kitchen.

Cordero, who resides at the institution, was an "unrestricted patient" who was allowed temporary leave from Willowbrook and was reported missing late Wednesday after he failed to return by a 10 p.m. curfew.

His body was found lying face down in the snow in the back yard of 250 Corson Ave. by an occupant, Mrs. Grover Dale. Police said he apparently had been savagely beaten over the head with an automobile bumper jack that was found nearby.

According to police, the two were driven to Allen's apartment about 6 p.m. Wednesday after work by another employe and were joined there for a party by the suspect's wife. The four were drinking for several hours when an argument began and a struggle followed.

Police did not elaborate but said that Allen, a stocky man weighing about 190 pounds, dragged Cordero down a flight of stairs and about 50 feet into the rear yard of 250 Corson Ave., where the killing took

place yesterday shortly after 2:30 a.m.

When the unidentified co-worker tried to stop Allen, police said that the suspect threatened the man with a jack he had taken from his apartment and struck Cordero about eight times over the head. Police said Allen returned to his house and the witness also went home.

About nine hours later, ac-