

Ex-Willowbrook resident indicted in slaying case

A former resident of Willowbrook Developmental Center was charged with second degree murder in an indictment yesterday in the bludgeoning slaying of a center resident.

Eugene Allen, 24, of 444 Jersey St., New Brighton, was also charged with possession of a weapon—an auto jack post which police said Allen used to repeatedly strike Raul Cordero, 30, about 2:30 a. m. on New Year's Day.

An occupant of 250 Corson Ave., New Brighton, later found Cordero's body lying face down in the backyard of the building. Police said he had been beaten savagely about the head.

According to police, the two had gone to Allen's apartment after they had finished work at the center where both were employed in a kitchen.

A party followed in which two other persons were present, including Allen's wife. The four had been drinking for several hours when a dispute took place between Allen and Cordero. The victim reportedly had threatened to set fire to Allen's home.

Allen allegedly dragged Cordero down a flight of stairs and into the rear yard at 250 Corson Ave. where Allen struck Cordero about eight times with the jack post.

Cordero had been a resident of Willowbrook for 13 years and about three weeks prior to his death he had been assigned as a kitchen aide as part of a program to prepare him for his release from the center in two to four weeks.

Allen had been a Willowbrook resident for nearly seven years prior to his re-

lease in November 1969. Allen was described as a "borderline retardate," and center officials now conclude that there was never any reason for him to have been institutionalized in the first place, and who would not be institutionalized today.