

Willowbrook mute still is missing

Andrew Dulop, the 55-year-old mute missing from Willowbrook Developmental Center since Wednesday, has a history of disappearing from the institution and on one occasion hitch-hiked to Florida.

"He can't verbalize, but he knows how to travel and he can take care of himself," said a Willowbrook official yesterday.

She said that Dulop, a severely retarded resident at Willowbrook, has wandered off the center's grounds and eventually turned up in out-of-state locations several times in the last few years. In the case of the Florida trip, she said, he was gone for almost a year before being picked up by authorities.

In his latest disappearance, Dulop was reported missing by officials in Building 19 on Wednesday after he failed to show up for the 10 p.m. bed check. Police in the Missing Persons Squad in Manhattan said they had no leads as to his whereabouts.

Dulop was described as white, 5-foot-9 inches tall, 200 pounds and having white hair and no front teeth. Anyone seeing a person matching the description is asked to call Willowbrook.