

Retarded Patient Feared Abducted in S.I.

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A retarded woman who cannot speak or walk was missing from her bed at Willowbrook State School yesterday morning, and the director of the institution said she may have been abducted.

"A window next to her bed showed forcible entry," said Dr. Levester Cannon, "and whoever forced it open may have removed her."

She was still missing last night, and police of the New Dorp precinct on Staten Island were investigating. Cannon said he had no idea who might have abducted her.

Residents All Handicapped

The woman, Juanita Diaz, is 27 but "about the size of a 10-year-old," Cannon said. He said she is "nonverbal, non-ambulatory and requires continuous care."

Police said she is 4-feet-11, weighs 66 pounds, and has brown hair, hazel eyes and a fair complexion.

Cannon said she was a resident of Building 25, a one-story structure

"where all of the residents are severely handicapped."

The building is in the rear part of the Willowbrook complex, which is at 2760 Victory Blvd., Staten Island.

Asked if the missing woman has a family, Cannon replied: "She has a mother and father, but they haven't had contact with her for the last few years."

He said he had no reason to believe that any member of her family or anyone who knew her might have taken her away.