Ex-Willowbrook patient says he beat man, 76

A former Willowbrook Developmental Center resident, charged with murder in the fatal beating of a 76-year-old ferryboat passenger during a mugging, was allowed to plead guilty to a second degree manslaughter charge yesterday.

Supreme Court Justice Pasquale E. DiVernieri informed the defendant, Willie Summers. 25, of 18 Arlington Ave., Mariners Harbor, he intends to sentence him to a maximum prison term of 12 years on May 19 providing he receives a

favorable pre-sentencing report.

The judge said that should Summers receive an unfavorable report from the probation department and he feels he cannot adhere to his promise on the sentence, then Summers will be permitted to withdraw his guilty plea and stand trial.

DiVernieri and Chief Assistant District Attorney William L. Murphy both alluded to the "lengthy" negotiations that had taken place prior to Summers entry of a guilty plea.

Summers plea also covered charges in a second indictment that charged him with a mugging in Tompkinsville on the same date as the fatal beating of the ferryboat passenger, Oct. 12, 1976.

Summers admitted that he intended to rob Nicola Infantino of 102 Winham Ave., New Dorp, and that he beat him about the face and head in the men's room of the ferryboat John F. Kennedy before fleeing with his wallet. He said he later learned that the man had died.

Infantino, a tailor, was found unconscious in the men's room. He died 10 days later in Staten Island Hospital without regaining consciousness.

In the second indictment, Summers was accused of knocking down Antonio Presutti of Sunnyside and stealing \$125.

Summers, who has a previous criminal record, was a resident of Willowbrook from 1963 to 1970. He was represented by John J. Quinn.

Civic unit plans beach cleanup

The South Great Kills Civic Association met last night in the Gateway National Park conference room, Great Kills, and made plans for a beach cleanup May 13 and 20.

The group made plans to attend a Community Board 3 public hearing on the Willowbrook Developmental Center's proposal to place a service center in the Nelson Terrace, Great Kills.

The next meeting will be April 24.