



Willowbrook Developmental Center security guards Norman L. Donegan, left, and Burton Parker search the area where they found the missing resident.

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Missing woman found by guards

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buildings," the supervisor said. "It's not fair to the officers — they have to be responsible for the wooded area."

Ms. Ryan said Miss Lever has been visited on occasion from family in Massachusetts.

Miss Lever was not prone to wandering off by herself, Ms. Ryan said. She added that the woman was active in a daily living program and was involved in a workshop on how to socialize.

Ms. Ryan described Miss Lever as "profoundly retarded" but "function-

al." She said Miss Lever cannot speak but frequently hums, according to center officials.

The last reported case of a missing person from the center was last August when Ethel L. Atwell, 46, of Newark, disappeared from the center's parking lot as she arrived for work about 6:30 a.m. She was never found.

Another employee of the center, Shina Emma Lee, 44, of Sea View, was killed last year. Her body was found at the Institute for Basic Research, which is adjacent to the center. No arrest in that case has been made.