

Workers take over S.I. center

About 200 demonstrators, banging on trash-can covers and shouting "We want our money," took over the administration building at the Staten Island Developmental Center yesterday to protest a disciplinary action that resulted in the loss of three to four days' pay.

The demonstrators, most of them employed by the center as therapy aides, are members of Civil Service Employees Association Local 429. Union President Felton King said the employees would not leave the building until they got the money.

The money, ranging from \$90 to \$150 per person, was withheld to discipline the workers for a job action that occurred July 24. The employees, protesting what they called serious understaffing, stayed out of work that day. Three hundred and seventy-one employees are affected by the pay loss.

James Shea, deputy director of administration for the center, was in the process late yesterday of trying to resolve the situation with the state commissioner of mental retardation in Albany.

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