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Trio indicted in drug ring operation at Willowbrook

A Staten Island grand jury yesterday indicted three of more than a dozen Staten Island Developmental Center employees charged with operating a drug ring at the Willowbrook mental health center.

Indicted were Gordon James, 35, of 51 Arnold St., New Brighton, an SIDC mental health therapist and residency supervisor; Herman Mickens, 37, of 219 Taylor St., West Brighton, a mental health therapist, and Jonathan Williams, 29, of Queens, a former SIDC employee.

James was charged with selling heroin to undercover police officers on two separate occasions. Mickens was charged with selling cocaine to an undercover police officer April 22 at the center. Williams was charged with the sale and possession of cocaine.

It could not be determined last night whether more indictments are imminent.

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Narcotics squad detectives began a series of arrests of present and former SIDC employees on May 25, culminating a five-month investigation.

The drugs involved allegedly included heroin, cocaine and LSD. Most of the deals involved heroin, police said. They estimated the drug ring took in about \$225,000 a year.

In other court action yesterday:

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