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State Audit Assails Unit for Retarded

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New York State auditors have charged that they found uncontrolled drug supplies, workers asleep on the job and a naked patient wandering unattended at a state center for the mentally retarded on Staten Island.

Administrators at the center, the Staten Island Developmental Center, concurred with most of the charges made in a report issued Sunday by State Comptroller Edward V. Regan and said they were changing procedures and disciplining employees.

During a review of the center — the former Willowbrook Developmental Center — members of Mr. Regan's staff found discrepancies in inventory records of controlled drugs, two therapy aides who were asleep when they were supposed to be watching 20 sleeping residents, and inadequate controls of supplies.

day and found himself in the icy Hudson River, and then a member of the police team sent to rescue him fell off a boat into the water, the police said.

Both men were rescued.

According to Sgt. William Rath of the Sixth Precinct, the driver, whose identity was not immediately released, was saved by a passer-by who threw him a rope and by officers who reached the scene, at West 12th Street and West Street. The man had "stopped his car" and "didn't know the pier was there," Sergeant Rath said. The victim was being treated for hypothermia at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Meanwhile a police diver, one of four members of the Police Harbor Unit, fell from a launch as it headed for the scene. He was pulled from choppy water off Columbia Street in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn and treated at Bellevue Hospital.