

agement of the institution will begin "insisting that policies be carried out." Random checks of supervisors have begun, he added.

Although he still wants to find out why it took seven months to detect the pregnancy, Walsh said, he does not fault the investigators for not addressing it in the report, because medical expertise would be needed.

The victim was described in the report as a Hispanic who contracted meningitis when she was 7 months old.

The illness caused her to become severely retarded and led to a host of other maladies, including hepatitis, severe curvature of the spine, convulsions, impaired vision, loss of her voice and spastic quadriplegia, according to the report.

She entered SIDC, formerly the Willowbrook State School, in 1959, the report said.

Last Nov. 30, the woman was examined by a doctor filling in for the staff physician, who was on vacation, the report said.

The substitute physician, identified as Dr. M. Hanna, was called to treat "what appeared to be constipation and resulting distension," the report continued.

"Upon abdominal examination, Dr. Hanna detected what she suspected were tumorous

growths and ordered X-rays," the report said. "The X-rays disclosed a fully formed fetus."

The woman was taken to Richmond Memorial Hospital, where doctors determined she was 31 weeks pregnant.

The police were notified. Detective Catherine Bertolino of the Sex Crimes Unit at the 122nd Precinct and Clark of the Legal Adviser Program then interviewed employees who worked in Building 25 between April 15 and May 30, according to a Dec. 13 memo sent to the OMRDD.

Ms. Bertolino and Dr. Anita Riska, a psychologist, also interviewed the SIDC resident who slept in the bed next to the victim during that period, the memo said.

The resident, whose name was deleted from the copy of the report obtained by the Advance, "is verbal and understood what has happened to her friend," the memo said, but "she maintains that she did not observe the sexual assault."

Some employees were then questioned again, the report stated.

"The names of male employees who had or could have had contact with (the victim) were run through the (Police Department) computer to determine whether any had been arrested for or had committed a sex

crime," the report said. "None had such a record."

Meanwhile, a court order was obtained to authorize birth by Caesarean section, which later proved to be unnecessary.

Walsh said police have kept the case open, although active investigation apparently has ended.

"I don't see that there's much more that needs to be included in the report," Assemblywoman Elizabeth A. Connelly said when asked about its results. "I think you have to rely on the people involved in the investigation."

The seven-month lapse between the rape and discovery of the pregnancy, she said, doesn't necessarily indicate negligence by medical staff. Given the victim's disabilities, she said, pregnancy would have been one of the last things doctors would have checked for.

The state Commission on Quality Care, a mental-health watchdog group, has not reviewed the results of the investigation and will have no comment until the report is inspected, according to Gary Masline, a spokesman for the panel.

The commission's director, Clarence Sundram, said earlier that the panel would conduct its own investigation if it found the SIDC investigation incomplete.