

# **Willowbrook rape victim gives birth**

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A severely retarded quadriplegic woman, who was raped while living at the Staten Island Developmental Center in Willowbrook, has given birth to a healthy boy, police officials told the Advance last night.

Police said the 31-year-old woman, whose name is being withheld, gave birth to the six-pound, five-ounce boy Tuesday night.

The birth, at St. Vincent's Medical Center, occurred one month earlier than predicted by doctors who examined the woman last month.

Authorities said the birth did not require a Caesarean section as originally anticipated.

The woman, who has been institutionalized since birth, is unable to speak or consent to sexual relations, according to police, who have not arrested anyone in connection with the rape.

Detectives are still investigating the crime, Sgt. Richard Bracken of the Staten Island Crimes Against Persons Squad said. The baby will be given a blood test, which will be compared with blood samples from any suspects the investigation turns up, police said.

No decision has been made about what will be done with the baby, James Walsh, developmental center director, said this morning. Social workers are currently discussing the child's fate with the client's parents. The baby may be put up for adoption, but "relatives would have the first option," Walsh said.

Developmental center officials reported the rape on Nov. 30 after an X-ray taken at the center showed the woman to be pregnant.

Employees gave her the X-ray when they discovered what they thought were two tumorous growths on her abdomen.