

## Judge clears defendant in SIDC sexual assault

Judge Pasquale Bifulco has found a 29-year-old West Brighton man not guilty of sexually abusing a client at the Staten Island Developmental Center in Willowbrook, following a non-jury trial in Stapleton Criminal Court.

The defendant, John Tomasello of 28 Karen Ct., had been employed as a custodian at the center when he was arrested Jan. 16. Tomasello had been accused of abusing a 32-year-old male client who lived in Build-

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ing 25. Bifulco acquitted Tomasello Thursday after hearing testimony from several other center employees.