

Passenger badly beaten aboard ferry

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A convicted murderer who was paroled earlier this year was arrested yesterday morning after assaulting a 59-year-old tourist aboard a ferryboat, according to police.

Willie Summers, a 34-year-old former Staten Island Developmental Center resident who said he had been living on the streets of St. George for the past three weeks, was taken into custody by officers who boarded the ferryboat John F. Kennedy at about 10:20 a.m.

Police were dispatched to the ferry terminal after the captain of the John F. Kennedy radioed that "someone was injured badly and

needs an ambulance. The perpetrator is still on board and there are witnesses to it.'

Martin Honig, a Palm Springs, Calif., man who had been visiting relatives on Staten Island, was using the men's room of the Staten Island-bound ferryboat when Summers allegedly attacked him, according to Officer Joseph Luzzi.

Summers, described by police as a "strapping 6-foot, 2-inch, 180-pounder," followed Honig into the bathroom on the boat's main deck, the officer said. While Honig was using the facilities, Summers reportedly "punched Honig about the face and body, causing extensive injury," according to Luzzi. Police said Honig suffers from a