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Slain Boy's Mother Begs For Further Information

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Mrs. Jerry B. Bayles, mother of the newspaper carrier who was kidnaped from his route last month and murdered, begged yesterday for a mystery woman who claims to have knowledge of the crime to volunteer more information.

The unidentified woman telephoned members of the Bayles family twice shortly after the murder and told them the first name and address of a man she claimed was involved in the murder of Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles.

SINCE THOSE phone calls on Oct. 5 and 6, neither the police nor the Bayles family have heard from the woman.

Police immediately visited the address the woman gave, but found that the man had left. The last name of the man still is unknown.

Capt. Raymond A. Koers, head of the homicide and robbery section of the Indianapolis Police Department, also said he will meet the woman "any place, anywhere, any time."

"I assure this lady that she will be protected. I will be most happy to meet her away from police headquarters if she wishes."

Although police have known of the mystery tipster for the last four weeks, they did not publicly reveal the phone calls because of inconsistencies in the woman's information.

Once the woman said she knew the identity of the killer, then later said the man she knew was not the killer, but a witness instead.

A DESCRIPTION the woman gave of the man fitted the description of a man seen struggling with the Bayles boy on the morning the youngster was killed, however.

Mrs. Bayles recently told a newspaper reporter of the calls.

Mrs. Bayles yesterday begged the woman to call police or the Bayles home.

"It runs through my mind all the time what happened. I just want to know. I don't believe in

killing and I don't believe that the person who killed Jerry should be killed. He should be locked up," Mrs. Bayles stated.

"I may not be a good Christian but I try to be and I pray all the time that I may know the answer or that I'll be able to understand . . ."

She broke off, crying.

"Why?" she sobbed. "Why? There's no reason why."

"I wish the person would give himself up. He took my son away and I want to know how he went away and how he died. I just don't know what the little fellow went through. I wish I knew."

Koers said the woman caller should phone 633-7950 and ask for him or Lt. Joseph G. McAtee.

THE FIRST phone call the mystery woman made was to the boy's father at the Farley Funeral Home.

" . . . I know the man that saw your boy murdered and I'd like to talk to you, but I'm afraid," she told him.

The woman gave Bayles a man's first name, then when he mentioned calling police, she said she was afraid and hung up.