

Girl Reports Incident Near Abduction Scene

Homicide detectives were assigned last night to investigate a 9-year-old girl's complaint that a masked man attempted to grab her about two blocks from where murder victim Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles was abducted.

The girl said the incident occurred at 8 a.m. yesterday in the 200 block of South Holmes Avenue. She said the man stopped his car and tried to grab her, but she escaped and ran to safety.

SHE DESCRIBED the man as in his late 20s, very thin, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing 120 pounds, wearing green checked pants, a light-colored jacket and a white mask.

The girl described the car as a dusty 1958 green Rambler. She said there was another man in the car, but she could not describe him.

Meanwhile, i n v e s t i g a t o r s

again issued an appeal for anyone with information about the Bayles murder to come forward.

"Somewhere in this city there is somebody who knows who killed Mike Bayles," Deputy Police Chief Ralph F. Lumpkin said. "We want to talk to that person."

Lt. Joseph H. McAtee of the homicide branch said that a woman, suspected of having information about the case, voluntarily submitted to a polygraph (lie detector) test yesterday. The test revealed she knew nothing about the murder, McAtee said.

Mike, 10, was abducted while delivering The Indianapolis Star in the first block of Harris Avenue. He was stabbed to death and his body was dumped in a field 5 miles north of Knightstown in Henry County.