

Slain Newsboy's Garb Used As Dog's Bed?

Police last night were attempting to check a tip that the clothing of a slain newsboy was being used as a bed for a dog.

An anonymous letter received by The Indianapolis Star yesterday said children's clothing, possibly that of Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles, had been found by a Westside youth who had put it into a doghouse. The boy reportedly told neighbors he had found the clothing in an alley.

POLICE TRIED unsuccessfully to reach the woman who lived in the house so they could see if the clothing matches that which Mike was wearing when he disappeared Oct. 3.

Mike was kidnaped as he attempted to deliver The Star early that day in the first block of Harris Avenue. His mangled body was found with eight stab wounds later that day near Knightstown.

In other developments, an Indiana State Police detective questioned another tipster who

had come forward with information about the case, but the information did not check out.

Before questioning the informant, police had called the information provided in her anonymous letter the "biggest break yet" in the case.

Police encouraged anyone else with information in the case to notify them or The Star. Persons wishing to remain anonymous should write a letter to The Star with a code number on the top and bottom of their letter.

One of the numbers then may be torn off and held as a "receipt" by the writer so that reward money totaling more than \$6,000 can be collected, if earned.

An additional \$13.44 was added to the reward fund yesterday by customers of Robert Ralston, a carrier of The Star at Waynetown.