

Police Appeal To Caller

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house police checked.

IN THE ONLY other telephone call of a similar nature a man with a "coarse" voice said the father should meet him on Monument Circle.

Because Mrs. Bayles was afraid to be alone, state police were called but found no one who might have been the caller. This call, shortly before midnight on Oct. 17, may have been a crank call, police said.

The mysterious woman talked to the dead boy's father on the night of Oct. 5, reaching him at the Farley Funeral Home. But the next morning, she talked to the mother in a call to the Bayles home, despite the fact the family phone number is listed in someone else's name in the public directory.

Bayles said that when he answered the telephone at the funeral home, the woman's halting voice said, "I can't give you my name Mr. Bayles, but I want to tell you, I know the man that saw your boy murdered and I'd like to talk to you.

"I KNOW the man that saw your boy murdered and I'd like to talk to you, but I'm afraid," she continued, her voice breaking

She then gave Bayles a man's first name, and the father said he told the caller he would have police get in touch with her.

He said she responded, "I don't want to talk to the detectives; I don't want to give my number. Don't you understand? I'm afraid!" Then she hung up, and Bayles notified police.

ABOUT 8:30 A.M. the next day, Mrs. Bayles answered the phone at home and the woman, again crying between statements, said, "I'm scared to death. I need to talk to someone."

Mrs. Bayles said she asked what was the matter and the woman replied, "The man who killed your boy is in the house at . . ." (she gave an address and a first name).

However, the woman added, "This man did not kill your boy, but he saw it happen.

"I'm afraid," the woman told Mrs. Bayles again. "I want some protection. I don't want to talk to the detectives." Then she mumbled something about the man she named as having been with the killer, but added that the man did not stay with the killer.

"HE'S AFRAID," the woman said about the man she had named, Mrs. Bayles reported.

Mrs. Bayles said she again mentioned having detectives talk to the woman, but that the mystery caller said sobbingly again that she could not talk to detectives, then hung up.

In the apparent crank call, the oldest Bayles child, Gordon (Bud) Bayles, 15, whose route the murdered boy had been delivering on Oct. 3, answered the telephone.

Gordon said the caller declared, "I killed Mike. I'm afraid I'm going to kill somebody else. I love you all. I've got to talk to you. Meet me at Monument Circle in 15 to 20 minutes."

THE BOYS' father said last night he still believes his son was killed by someone intending to rob him.

The mother said yesterday she just had received from School 50, which Mike attended, the individual pictures taken at school in mid-September, two weeks before he was killed.

She said she will keep and treasure one of the pictures, an enlarged color photo.