

2 Detectives Fulltime On Bayles Case

Detective Sgts. Robert J. Tirmenstein and James M. Strode will continue working fulltime on the kidnap-slaying of newspaper carrier Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles until all leads are exhausted, Police Chief Winston L. Churchill said yesterday.

THE TWO top-rated homicide investigators were assigned to the case soon after the boy's body, suffering from stab wounds, was found Oct. 3 along a country road near Knightstown.

Capt. Raymond Koers, head of the homicide division, thanked the public for its co-operation in trying to solve the case and said he believed the case still might be solved from a tip received from a private citizen.

"We feel someone may have seen something the morning of the murder they didn't understand and eventually will communicate with us," Koers said.

CITY and Indiana State Police have received more than 400 telephone tips and 121 letters offering possible information since the case broke, Koers reported.

All of the tips, even those that seem "far out," are being investigated thoroughly, he said.