

Police Request Letter Writer To Call Them

Police yesterday appealed to the writer of a letter which names a suspect in the Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles murder to call the homicide branch immediately.

The letter bore the code number 9728.

THE INFORMATION in the letter, if it checks out, could break the baffling newspaper carrier slaying case,

Capt. Raymond A. Koers of homicide said.

Koers, in asking the writer to call homicide at 633-7950, emphasized that the person's identity would be protected.

Police hailed the letter as "the biggest break yet."

IT WAS THE second letter received from the person using the code number 9728, police said.

The Indianapolis Star has been urging persons with information about the case to write to the paper. Those wishing to remain anonymous may write a code number at the top and bottom of the letter.

One of the numbers often 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.

Mike, 10, was abducted early Oct. 3 while carrying his paper route in the first block of Harris Avenue. He was found, stabbed fatally, in a field near Knightstown in Henry County.