

Sex Psychopath Held In Bayles Death

Escapee Arrested In Phoenix

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Robert E. Schmidt, 47, escaped criminal sexual psychopath, was arrested in Phoenix, Ariz., early today on a warrant charging him with the murder Oct. 3 of newspaper carrier Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles, 10, police announced.

Schmidt, who disappeared Oct. 10 from Central State Hospital here, was seized about 12:30 a.m. (Indianapolis time) by three Phoenix policemen in an apartment he had occupied the last five weeks.

He offered no resistance.

THE ARREST was made by Sgt. William Chapman and Detectives John Burnett and William Nowlan.

The warrant charging him with the Bayles boy's murder was issued last night by Judge Valan S. Boring of Municipal Court, Room 4, at the request of Capt. Robert A. Gray of the Indiana State Police and Deputy Chief Ralph F. Lumpkin of the Indianapolis Police Department.

Phoenix police arrested Schmidt before receiving word that the murder warrant had been issued. They had been tipped off by Indiana State Police that Schmidt might be in the Phoenix area.

GRAY SAID information gathered the last six weeks had led them to believe that Schmidt was a prime suspect in the slaying of the boy.

Gray said police had enough information last night to obtain the warrant from Judge Boring but added, "I cannot go into details at this time as to what information we do have but I will say it was sufficient for us to obtain the warrant."

Gray credited the combined co-operation of Indianapolis and state police in gathering the evidence that led to Schmidt's arrest on the murder warrant.

Gray and Lumpkin said they would

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