

Schmidt Identified As Bayles' Abductor

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car which they were to return to Indianapolis for examination by criminal laboratory experts.

Marion County prosecutor's records revealed that Schmidt was allowed to live off the Central State grounds for more than three months and run an "advertising" agency, but the arrangement ended when hospital officials learned he had "become friendly" with two young boys.

YOUNG MIKE was kidnaped while delivering The Indianapolis Star in the first block of Harris Avenue within a block of the Central State grounds.

His nude body bearing eight stab wounds was located later on the morning of Oct. 3 in the field near Knights-town.

The witness, whose identity has not been revealed, reported seeing a man holding Mike at knifepoint on Harris Avenue, but left when the man told him Mike was an unruly runaway.

The witness confirmed yesterday that he identified Schmidt's photograph in the presence of police detectives last Friday.

IT WAS BELIEVED this identification was part of the evidence police used in obtaining a murder warrant for Schmidt, 47.

The witness had viewed a number of photographs, including Schmidt's, earlier, but did not identify Schmidt at the time. However, this was an older picture of Schmidt.

Last Friday the witness made the identification after viewing a more recent photograph and drawing eyeglasses on a composite picture of the abductor.

INDIANAPOLIS Police Homicide Detective Sgt. Robert J. Tirmenstein, State Police Sgt. Martin W. Werling, and Sgt. Keith Young, a state police criminal laboratory expert, were due to arrive in Indianapolis with Schmidt at 1 a.m. today.

State Police Lt. R. Wayne Hall said the plan to slate Schmidt to appear this morning in Municipal Court, Room 10, if he could be booked in Marion County Jail before 2 a.m.

However, if the booking came after 2 a.m., Schmidt was to be scheduled for a court appearance tomorrow.

HALL TALKED with the investigators in Phoenix by telephone yesterday and was told they found something in Schmidt's 1970 Rambler which they were to return to Indianapolis for examination.

Hall declined to identify the evidence, but said it was found after police obtained a search warrant and checked the vehicle.

Hall also said Schmidt talked by telephone to Indianapolis attorney Charles E. (Northside Charlie) Johnson and waived extradition.

The Indiana detectives told Hall Schmidt was congenial and looking forward to returning to Indianapolis. They said they did not discuss the case against him.

THEY ALSO learned yesterday that Schmidt had been in Phoenix six weeks, had rented an office and had a telephone installed under the name A-P Advertising Specialties.

The fact that Schmidt had been able to live off the Central State grounds for a long period was disclosed in reports on file with the county prosecutor's office.

Schmidt was committed to Central State in May, 1969, on order of Special Judge Thomas J. Faulconer of Marion Criminal Court, Division 1, as a "probable sexual psychopathic person."

THIS CAME after Schmidt and another man were arrested in February, 1969, on charges of molesting dozens of boys in an Eastside advertising and sign shop the two men operated.

A report filed July 18, 1969, discussed Schmidt's activities as a patient up to that time and noted that he had attempted suicide after his arrest by drinking a liquid containing cyanide.

The report, signed by Dr. John U. Keating, Central State superintendent, and based on information from other staff members, mentioned a long history of sexual problems that included a number of arrests, including prison terms for committing sex acts on young boys.

THE REPORT also noted Schmidt scored 129 on an adult intelligence test, "placing him in a very superior range of intellectual functioning."

A second report, dated Aug. 26, 1970, after Schmidt was declared a criminal

sexual psychopath, said Schmidt displayed exemplary behavior at Central State.

"Because of the patient's excellent co-operation with all aspects of the treatment program on March 3, 1970, with the approval of our staff he began working off hospital grounds on a 'night in hospital' basis and returned to his advertising business," the report said.

SCHMIDT, according to the report, was to be under the supervision of his father. He got permission to use a car to make business calls during the day "between hours which we specified," the hospital report said.

However, Schmidt himself soon altered the hours and rented a room within two blocks of the hospital which he said he was going to use as an office.

The report said "since there had been considerable newspaper publicity about Mr. Schmidt and his activities, we did not compel him to discontinue use of the office which he had rented. In retrospect, we can see that he successfully manipulated us to arrange his working conditions to suit himself."

THIS arrangement ended June 6 "when we found that on weekends, when he had ostensibly signed out to the supervision of his brother, he was in fact sleeping overnight in his 'office' off hospital grounds with no one directly supervising his activities," the report noted.

"We also received word from residents from that neighborhood that he had been friendly with different children in the neighborhood, and at least two young boys, around 8, had sat on the patient's lap several times."

The report said there was no evidence Schmidt had molested any children, but said his freedom "had such serious implications" that it was discontinued.