Hearing Delayed For Suspect In Bayles Slaying

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ROBERT E. SCHMIDT (RIGHT) IN COURT
With Attorney Charles (Northside Charlie) Johnson

A hearing on a first-degree murder charge against Robert E. Schmidt, regarded as a prime suspect in the slaying of a 10-year-old Indianapolis newspaper carrier, was continued yesterday in Municipal Court, Room 10.

Judge Frank L. Harlor continued the case until Dec. 8 at the request of the Marion County prosecutor's office.

SCHMIDT, WHO was returned to Indianapolis yesterday from Phoenix, Ariz., by police, is charged with the stabbing murder of Jerry M. Bayles on Oct. 3.

He is being held in the Marion County Jail without bond.

Indianapolis Police Sgt. Robert J. Termenstein said that Schmidt was advised of his rights after he was arrested Monday at Phoenix and that Schmidt has refused to answer questions concerning the Bayles murder.

Schmidt, a convicted sex offender, is an escapee from Central State Hospital here.

STATE POLICE Sgt. Keith Young said several items found in Schmidt's car at Phoenix are undergoing tests in the State Police laboratory.

Young also said that several persons in the Phoenix area were questioned about Schmidt's activities while he was in that city.

Termenstein, Young and State Police Sgt. Martin W. Werling flew to Phoenix Tuesday and returned to Indianapolis yesterday morning with Schmidt in custody.