

Schmidt Murder Case Continued Till Dec. 8

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — A first-degree murder case against Robert Eugene Schmidt, 48, mental patient charged with the knife slaying of an Indianapolis newsboy, Thursday was continued until Dec. 8.

Indiana State Police flew Schmidt early Thursday from Phoenix to Indianapolis and later booked him in Municipal Court on a charge of killing Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles, 10, last Oct. 3.

Schmidt was arrested Monday night in Phoenix. His car remains in Arizona, where police said it was being examined for evidence.

Young Bayles, delivering papers for an older brother, was kidnaped from a point about 100

yards from the Central State Hospital gate. His body was found later on a Henry County field.

Police records show Schmidt was a patient at the hospital, assigned to work as a groundskeeper. He escaped Oct. 10. Schmidt was committed in August 1969 to Beatty Memorial Hospital in Westville and later transferred to the Indianapolis institution.