Suspect Is Missing In Boy's Murder

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Police began a search in several states Thursday for a 19-year-old northeastside Indianapolis youth who was the last known person to see young Robert S. Jackson Jr. alive; Jackson's body was found Monday in Buck Creek near Cumberland.

The Jackson boy, 15, was known to have left a bowling alley with another youth last Saturday night, but the other boy's identity wasn't learned until Thursday, police said.

State Police Detective Sgt. John M. Petty said he went to the youth's home for questioning Thursday afternoon and learned that he had left in his car.

The youth may have left the state, Petty said.

An autopsy revealed that Jackson had been choked and then drowned. He also had been sexually molested, police said.

Jackson was the third Indianapolis youth to have been molested in the last year. The first was Mike Bayles, 10, who also was slain by his attacker in October 1970.

A 16-year-old newspaper carrier was abducted last month but managed to escape. A former Indianapolis man is in custody in Los Angeles in connection with the kidnaping, police said.