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Second Autopsy Performed In Stab Case

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any unnatural death.

The investigators said yesterday a Clinton County man was questioned extensively because he and his auto fit the general descriptions given by the eyewitness.

THE MAN WAS released after he provided and iron-clad alibi, police said.

The boy's father, Jerry B. Bayles, made no comment last night about the request for the second autopsy. "The police told me not to say anything," he said.

The newspaper carrier was abducted about 6 a.m. last Saturday, reported missing by his parents at 8 a.m. and found dead shortly before 9 a.m.

He was identified positively as the missing newspaper carrier about 6 p.m. Saturday.

DESPITE THE FACT that at least a kidnaping was known to have happened in Indianapolis, no investigation was made by local police throughout Saturday evening.

Sunday morning, Lt. Patrick E. Uberta, acting head of the homicide division, received no orders nor calls from Lumpkin, the highest ranking policeman responsible for the division.

Nor could Lumpkin be reached when permission was sought to send Indianapolis detectives to assist Indiana State Police.

On his own, Uberta called State Police Detective Martin Werling and arranged for him to meet Detective Sgt. Edward Marcum about 11 a.m., 29 hours after the boy's abduction and 17 hours after the identification.

MARCUM AND Werling, the only two on the case, went into the neighborhood on Indianapolis' Westside, interviewed the family and located the witness who had identified himself previously to the family.

They obtained a statement from the witness on Sunday.

Uberta spent Sunday, his day off, making inquiries on his own, attempting to reach Lumpkin and attempting to establish co-operation between Indianapolis and state police.

Efforts by reporters to reach Lumpkin and acting police chief Donald D. Schaedel were unsuccessful throughout Sunday.

Finally, an Indianapolis Star reporter reached Alan R. Kimbell, director of public safety, who seemed surprised that police had not been instructed to proceed with the investigation.

KIMBELL immediately gave the go-ahead to Uberta.

Uberta assigned the case to Detective Sgt. Darryl Churchill and Detective James I. Parnell, both of whom went immediately to the area to question residents. They remained in the area until 10:30 p.m.

As of yesterday, there has been no indication a police identification unit had been sent to the scene on Sunday to check for fingerprints, bloodstains or

other evidence.

In fact, the murder victim's bicycle was used by other youngsters throughout Sunday, making it impossible to obtain fingerprints.

According to the victim's 15-year-old brother, Gordon, the rear fender of the bicycle was pressed against the wheel, "like somebody stepped on it."

GORDON PULLED it loose and replaced the drive chain which was off the sprocket.

Police have never examined the bicycle.

Monday morning a reporter asked Lumpkin what police were doing, in the presence of a high-ranking police official. He replied, "We have a meeting this afternoon with state police."

The reporter then asked, "Who have you assigned and what are they doing?"

Lumpkin said he had not read of the abduction and slaying but was aware of it because of a memo on his desk and could not "comment on it at this time."

"THERE ARE indications city police have no jurisdiction. We don't know where the boy was killed," he continued.

Later Monday morning, Major Beauford D. Marcy echoed Lumpkin's remarks. "We don't want to jeopardize the investigation of state police by proceeding before jurisdiction is established."

He said state police had begun initial investigation and "we will probably assist them in any way possible."

It was not until 4:30 p.m. Monday, after a meeting with state police, that Lumpkin assigned three full-time investigators and an auto desk investigator part-time.

HOWEVER, the two homicide detectives assigned, James F. Strobe and Robert J. Tirmenstein, are considered the best in the department and the lab technician, Sgt. Francis L. Schoppenhorst, is considered among the top men in his field.

Until Monday afternoon, Werling was the only man officially assigned to the case, nearly 48 hours after the boy was identified and 60 hours after he was abducted.

Since Monday, investigators worked until 2 a.m. Tuesday, began again at 1 p.m. Tuesday and were still working early yesterday morning.

Uberta said they will continue to work as long as needed to check out all tips.

BUT THERE WAS heavy grumbling in the police department about Lumpkin's waiting so long in making assignments and not reacting decisively when he learned of the magnitude of the case.

Kimbell, who actually initiated the investigation by city police, said last night he was "disappointed police did not get into this case immediately."

"There is no question but that we will have to tighten up our weekend procedure. I don't know the difficulty of why Lumpkin was not advised or not aware of the case until Monday morning."

"Even if the murder took place in Timbuktu or Indianapolis or Henry County, we have excellent reason to know the abduction took place here and the police should have acted immediately."

The safety board director said he had no criticism of work being done by the homicide division.

"I think they are doing a good job but I think superior officers should have insisted that they got to work immediately."

Kimbell announced that he will "discuss" the procedure with police chief Winston L. Churchill when the chief returns from vacation on Monday.

"We are having a staff meeting on Monday and this will be the main item on the agenda," he said.

A \$235.32 contribution to the Jerry Bayles Reward Fund from Local 1148, United Steel Workers Union, was received yesterday at The Star.

Others who wish to contribute to the reward fund may mail contributions to Reward Fund, c/o The Star, 307 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, 46206, or bring it to the Public Service Desk on the ground floor.

A \$5,000 reward has been offered by Eugene C. Pulliam, publisher of The Star and The Indianapolis News.