

Suspect To Be Quizzed In Stabbing

Man Held In Molest Of 2 Boys

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A former Indianapolis man, arrested yesterday in Kentucky on charges of molesting two carriers of The Indianapolis Star in January, will be questioned in the stabbing-murder of 16-year-old Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles, police said.

Investigators said the man, Albert Garcia, 30, matches a witness' description of a slender, dark-haired man seen holding young Jerry at knifepoint a few hours before the boy's mangled body was found early Oct. 3 in a Henry County.

Detective Sgt. John A. Lund of the Indianapolis homicide detail said Bowling Green (Ky.) police also told him that Garcia was driving a dusty gray 1963 Ford Thunderbird with tailfins.

THE WITNESS told police Jerry's abductor was driving an older car, either green or blue, with tailfins. He described the car as dusty.

Lund said detectives investigating Jerry's murder also are interested in Garcia because both the two boys he is accused of molesting were newspaper carriers.

Jerry was delivering the Saturday morning edition of The Star for his older brother when he was abducted on the route and stabbed to death.

Lund originally investigated the molesting cases in January. He also is the police department's artist and put together a composite drawing based on the witness' description of Jerry's abductor.

Lund said yesterday he believed when he made the drawing that the man described by the witness could be of Mexican descent.

TWO DETECTIVES will leave for Bowling Green at 8 a.m. tomorrow to return Garcia to Indianapolis.

The January molestings occurred as the boys were delivering newspapers to an apartment building in the 1100 block of East Washington Street, Lund said.

Lund said both boys, brothers 13 and 14, identified Garcia, a resident of the building at the time, as the molester. Two warrants charging sodomy were issued by the Marion County prosecutor's office.

But Garcia, who also has lived in Plainfield, disappeared, Lund said.

Lund said he received information last week that Garcia might be in Bowling Green. He notified Bowling Green police, who picked up Garcia yesterday.

LUND SAID Bowling Green detectives quoted Garcia as saying he had not been in Indianapolis in two months.

The detectives said Garcia did not say where he had been since January, Lund reported.

However, Bowling Green detectives believed Garcia arrived in Bowling Green last week, or after the Bayles murder, Lund said.

Garcia was described as 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing about 165 pounds.

The key witness in the murder described the man holding Jerry at knifepoint as in his 20s, 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing about 180 pounds.

HOWEVER, THE witness said he believed the man's car had a license plate with a 49 prefix. Garcia's Thunderbird

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