Lie Test Backs Up Witness

A Westside man who has provided police with their best leads in the investigation of the stabbing death of 10-year-old Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles passed a polygraph (lie detector) test yesterday, adding new encouragement to the probe.

State Police Capt. Robert K. Gray said the man passed the test shortly after a session with detectives in which he gave additional details about an automobile believed used in the murder.

The test indicated the man was telling the truth and doing his best to aid investigators, Gray reported.

POLICE HAD requested the man submit to the polygraph test to help verify his story of seeing young Jerry being confronted at knife-point by a man a few hours before the boy's nude body was found last Saturday in Henry County.

The boy, a carrier for The Indianapolis Star, disappeared while delivering the newspaper Saturday morning and the witness told of seeing a man force the youth into a car on Harris Avenue.

Gray, who is co-ordinating the investigation between state and Indianapolis police, said additional questioning of the witness provided this new detail about the car:

IT HAD A chrome-rimmed rear window.

Each of the two high-finned rear fenders had round tail lights.

The license plate was on or recessed in the back bumper.

The car is believed to be a light blue or green late 1950s Chrysler product, with a license number beginning with 49 P, F or E and containing a combination of 5 and 8.

Teams of detectives assigned to the case continued to check a variety of leads yesterday, including telephone tips from the public. One detective alone was sent out to question 21 persosn about possible leads. Gray said,

GRAY EARIER issued a public appeal for the killer or killers to give up.

He asked the person or persons involved "or friends or relatives of persons they may know or suspect are involved," to come forward "to prevent a second such incident."

"There is no reason not to come forward," Gray said, adding that the person or persons involved may have "a serious personal problem that cannot be solved by running, cannot be cured by hiding and living in fear."

HE SUGGESTED anyone involved

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