

Auto Files Checked In Slaying Of Carrier

Investigators working on the Oct. 3 stabbing death of newsboy Jerry M. "Mike" Bayles are conducting a survey of the nature and frequency of police-reported incidents in the Westside neighborhood where the boy was abducted.

Capt. Robert Gray, chief of criminal investigations for the Indiana State Police, said the survey and a search through 30,000 auto license registrations may turn up a lead in the case.

Gray said despite more than \$6,300 in rewards for information leading to the slayer's arrest and conviction, eight full-time investigators and hundreds of phone calls and letters from citizens, the team still has found no motive for the slaying and no sign of the boy's missing clothing or a car described by a witness at the abduction scene.

A former Indianapolis man arrested in Bowling Green, Ky., Monday on warrants charging him with sodomy in connection with molesting two Eastside newsboys last January has been virtually cleared of involvement in the Bayles case, investigators said.

The Bayles boy, 10, of 3025 W. Jackson, was abducted while delivering his brother's route for The Star. His body

was found four hours later along a rural Henry County road near Knightstown.

The Star's reward fund, started by a \$5,000 contribution by Eugene C. Puliam, publisher of The News and The Star, reached \$6,374.32 yesterday.