

Weigh Bayles, Ohio Death Link

State Police Capt. Robert K. Gray yesterday conferred with Ohio authorities about three persons whose deaths may have a possible link with the slaying of Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles, 10, Indianapolis newspaper carrier.

Gray said Ohio authorities have promised to forward information to him concerning the three deaths in Ohio. He also is to receive information on three deaths in Eastern Indiana that could have been caused by a knife-wielding thrill killer.

Although there is no evidence linking the deaths, police want to study the cases because the bodies were found within a 25-mile radius of an area centered on Richmond.

Gray said also that state police technicians were winding up exhaustive laboratory tests, including chemical tests and a vacuum machine test on young Mike's stockings to find any speck of evidence that might lead to the arrest of his murderer.

Mike, a carrier of The Indianapolis Star, was abducted in the first block of Harris Avenue on the Westside Oct. 3. His body was found a few hours later in Henry County.

Persons with information about his death should address a letter to The Star's city editor and write a number at the top of the letter and repeat that number along the bottom of the letter.

They should tear off the bottom, and if the tip results in the arrest and conviction of the killer, they would be eligible for a reward and their identities would not be revealed.

More than \$6,000 in rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer has been offered.

Latest contributions to the reward fund were from concerned employees of the Indianapolis Glove Company Inc., 430 North Park Avenue, who contributed \$20.

Latest contributions to the fund for the family of Jerry Bayles brought the total to date to \$1,180. The contributions came from Walter Harvey, \$13.20; Jacob, James and Joe Cookenour, 5807 West Oliver Avenue, three newspaper carriers, \$68.05; and an anonymous donor, \$2.