

POLICE TELEPHONES BUSY

Mike Bayles Slaying Case Tips Pouring In

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Extra men were assigned to telephone duty as tips poured in yesterday at Indianapolis and State Police headquarters about the kidnap-slaying of newspaper carrier Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles.

Police credited the "tremendous" flood of information to stories Sunday and yesterday in *The Indianapolis Star* urging informants to come forward and assuring them anonymity.

SEVERAL LETTERS came to *The Star*, using a special number system developed by the newspaper.

By using the numbering system, a tipster can assure he will remain anonymous—even in claiming more than \$6,000 in reward money should his tip lead to an arrest and conviction.

All information received yesterday by *The Star* was turned over to Capt. Raymond A. Koers, head of the police homicide unit.

MEANWHILE, KOERS met with State Police Capt. Robert K. Gray, who is heading the Bayles investigation.

They and detectives assigned to the case "brainstormed" and re-evaluated the investigation and examined fresh tips.

Both Koers and Gray assigned men to special telephone watches to take information on the Bayles case.

IN THE WESTSIDE neighborhood where the 10-year-old carrier was abducted Oct. 3 — in the area of Washington Street and Harris Avenue — police continued canvassing for clues.

They continued showing area residents a police artist's composite sketch of the killer — drawn from a witness' description at the abduction scene—and asking questions.

Koers said the house-to-house and business-to-business search should wind up today.

TO PROVIDE information in the case to *The Star*, make up a number and write it at the top and bottom of your letter. That number will serve as a claim check number if your information results in an arrest and conviction.

Tear off the bottom of the letter — with your matching identification number — and keep it in a safe place.

Mail the letter to this address:

**Bayles Murder Case
The City Editor
The Indianapolis Star
307 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206**

Your information will be given directly to investigators and your identity will — because of the numbering system — be protected.

THE REWARD FUND was started with \$5,000 from Eugene C. Pulliam, publisher of *The Star* and *The Indianapolis News*. Since then, other individuals, businesses and organizations have added pledges of more than \$1,000.

Latest pledges include:

United Auto Workers Local 1111, \$200.
Sertoma Club of Downtown Indianapolis, \$50.

Mailers Union No. 10, Dayside Chapel, *The Indianapolis News*, \$60.

POLICE ALSO WERE checking the ownership of a dirty light blue automobile without license plates that was found parked with two flat tires in a far Northeastside parking lot.

Investigators were trying to determine whether the car, a late 1950s model, may have been used by the Bayles boy's abductor.