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Saw Carrier In Auto With 2 Men, Says Woman

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Star earlier this week and explained she was driving north on Ind. 9 near Park Cemetery on Greenfield's southside the morning of the murder.

On the fringe of a residential area, she said she saw a late 1950 model car parked on the east side of the road facing south.

"A man in dark blue or denim-colored pants and a work jacket, I think he had something dark on his head, in his late 20s, maybe 30s, was coming across the highway and I had to come to almost a stop or hit him," she wrote.

SHE SAID THE MAN walked toward the passenger side of the parked car and "he looked like he was mumbling something and fumbling for maybe car keys.

"All the windows were up in the car," which was next to her car, she related.

"Then, as I turned my head to the front, another man was coming across the road dressed like the first man. He seemed about the same height, 5 foot 7 or 8, looked like neither weighed more than 145.

"THE SECOND MAN went to the driver's side. Neither man walked directly to the car and opened the car door at once."

The woman said she had a "sick feeling inside me. Something said report this to the police, but I didn't. And I have been sorry ever since.

"The boy was seated in the middle of the front seat of the dirty car," she

said. "All I could see of the boy was his head and perhaps the very tip of his shoulders.

"I was so disturbed at the wild, frightful expression on his face that I didn't notice any clothing he was wearing, or the make of the car, except that it was in the mid-50s."

THE WOMAN SAID she believes the boy was Mike, whose photograph she saw later in The Star.

Gray said the woman will be questioned further for additional information about the men and the car.

Residents of the area were being questioned by detectives last night and the questioning will resume today, Gray added.

It was expected that the woman would be shown a composite drawing made by police on the basis of a description provided by an earlier witness.

THAT WITNESS, a Westside man, reported seeing young Mike being held at knifepoint on Harris Avenue by a dark-haired man. The man claimed that Mike was a runaway.

Meanwhile, a farmer turned in a butcher knife he found northwest of Knightstown. Gray said the knife will be examined by crime laboratory experts.

Seven other knives turned in by the public have been examined and disregarded, Gray noted.

The Star received 26 letters yesterday with possible information and theories about the case, increasing to 78 the number received since Sunday

when the newspaper announced a plan for submitting information anonymously.

TO GIVE INFORMATION, make up a number and write it at the bottom of your letter. The number will serve as a claim check 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 Bayles Murder Case, The City Editor, The Indianapolis Star, 307 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, 46206.

Rewards totaling more than \$6,000 have been offered in the case.

The public has sent in to The Star a total of \$1,043.61 to help the Bayles family, including \$58.29 received yesterday from Ladywood School.