# Youth Choked, Drowned: Autopsy

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have been assigned full time to the investigation.

Yesterday they interviewed 15 classmates of the Jackson boy, who was regarded as a "fair" student who was friendly and appeared to have no enemies.

Petty and Weiler were able to trace the events that led to the boy's death one-half mile south of U.S. 40 in the creek near Cumberland.

**THE BOY'S** mother, Mrs. Mary F. Jackson, 44, a widow, told the detectives her son left the house at 7 p.m. Saturday with a friend, Paul Higdon, 15, a high-school classmate. The pair went to the Meadows North Eastwood Bowling Lanes, 8939 East 38th Street, to shoot pool.

Higdon told the detectives they played pool for approximately one hour after arriving at the bowling lanes at 8 p.m. Higdon said he saw Jackson talking to another teen-ager shortly before 9 a.m. and did not see him after that.

Robert Jackson Jr.

Petty said state police are attempting to learn the identity of the other teen-ager.

**WHEN THE BOY** did not return home Saturday night Mrs. Jackson called Indianapolis police who advised her to make a missing-person report if her son did not return home, which she did at 1 p.m. Sunday.

At 3 p.m. Monday, Tony Capps, 14, 12046 East Washington Street, a ninth-grader at Charton Junior High School, left school with his sister, Robbie, 13. They talked to some friends and missed their school bus.

The pair were waiting when Tony said he wanted to collect some old bottles and also look for a place where he could ride his minibike.

**HIS SISTER** started with him but decided to go home. Tony left alone. As he neared Buck Creek he saw what he later said he thought was a stuffed animal.

Looking closer he discovered it was a body. He ran home and told his mother, Mrs. June Capps, who called the Hancock County sheriff's office.

Petty said he will meet with Indianapolis detectives to investigate any connection between young Jackson's death and the murder of Jerry (Mike) Bayles, 10, who was abducted near his Westside home and found stabbed to death near Knightstown Oct. 2, 1970.

**THE JACKSON BOY** was a native of Indianapolis and a member of the East 38th Street Christian Church. He is survived by two brothers, Timmy Jackson and Paul Jackson, and two stepbrothers, Terry Dillard and David Dillard, all of Indianapolis.

Services are being arranged at the Harry W. Moore Arlington Chapel.