Boy Molested Before Death

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Robert Jackson Jr., 15, Indianapolis, was sexually molested before he was killed and thrown into a creek bank near Cumberland, a preliminary autopsy disclosed Tuesday.

The body was found Monday night in Buck Creek.

Sgt. John M. Petty, Indiana State Police detective, said the youth had been molested, and that bruises were found inside the throat and on the wrist.

He also said the youth's hands had been tied with a yellow boot or jacket string.

Petty added the autopsy also disclosed a cut on the right side of the boy's face and creek gravel was found in his lungs.

Cause of death was not immediately determined pending complete results of the autopsy.

Detectives were able to trace the events that led to young Jackson's death a half-mile south of U.S. 40 in the creek.

The boy's mother, Mrs. Mary F. Jackson, 44, a widow, said her son left the house at 7 p.m. Saturday with a friend and the pair went to play pool.

The friend, Paul Higdon, 15, told police they played pool until about 8:30 and he saw Jackson talking to another teenager shortly before 9 p.m. Higdon said se did not see him after that.

The identity of the second teenager was being sought, police said.

When Jackson did not return home Saturday night, his mother 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.