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Nab Suspect In Pupil's Slaying

Northeastside Youth, Returned From West Coast, To Be Charged

By R. JOSEPH GELARDEN

A 19-year-old Northeastside youth, arrested in California for speeding, will be charged tomorrow with the November slaying of John Marshall High School freshman Robert Jackson Jr., Indiana State Police revealed yesterday.

The suspect, identified as Jeff A. Bailey, 3600 block of Brentwood Avenue, was stopped on Dec. 22 near Bakersfield, Calif., while driving a car he had failed to deliver to Los Angeles for an Indianapolis automobile dealer, State Police Sgt. John M. Petty said.

PETTY SAID he will file a murder charge in Hancock Superior Court at Greenfield against Bailey, who is being held on \$20,000 bond in Marion County Jail under the Offense Against Property Act (vehicle taking) in connection with the undelivered 1965 Chevrolet Impala.

Evidence against Bailey is expected to include a statement he gave Petty after waiving extradition from California. Petty declined to disclose contents of the statement.

Witnesses' reports of seeing Bailey and Jackson together in a Northeastside bowling alley and in the Impala the night of Nov. 20 also are included in the evidence, sources said.

In addition, laboratory samples of blood, hair and clothing have been made from an examination of the Chevrolet, it was reported.

THE JACKSON youth was found dead in Buck Creek near Cumberland about 4:30 p.m. Nov. 22, the day Bailey was found to have withdrawn \$50 from a Northeastside bank and left Indianapolis, Petty said.

The detectives said Bailey had contracted with Love Motors, 3020 North



Jeff A. Bailey



Robert Jackson Jr.

Sherman Drive, on Nov. 17, to deliver the Impala to Los Angeles by Nov. 24.

"Wanted" notices were distributed nationally for the car and Bailey when he failed to make the delivery, and these were noted by the California State Highway Patrol after Bailey was stopped by a trooper for speeding on Dec. 22, Petty said.

PETTY, Indianapolis Police Detective Jack A. Hacker and Lt. Paul Asa, an Indiana State Police forensic technician who examined the car, returned to Indiana with Bailey Friday night.

Bailey appeared before Judge Patrick J. Barton yesterday in Municipal Court, Room 10, on the vehicle-taking

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