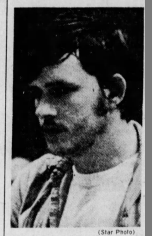
Court Holds City Teen In Pupil Slaying



(Star Photo)

JEFF A. BAILEY
At Court Appearance Here

A State Police detective sergeant yesterday testified at a probable cause hearing at Greenfield that a 19-year-old Northside youth has admitted "choking" and "leaving" a John Marshall High School freshman near Cumberland.

Sgt. John M. Petty also said upon questioning by Hancock County Prosecutor Peter D. Shumacker in Hancock Superior Court that Jeff A. Bailey, 3600 block of Brentwood Avenue, admitted committing sodomy against 13-year-old Robert Jackson Jr.

The body of young Jackson was found Nov. 22 in Buck Creek in Hancock County south of Cumberland.

AFTER THE hearing in Hancock Superior Court, Judge Richard T. Payne ordered the county grand jury to convene tomorrow to consider the slaying case.

Shumacker said the grand jury should make a decision by late tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Bailey is being held in Marion County Jail in Indianapolis without bond on a preliminary charge of first-degree murder, which was filed at Greenfield.

Bailey appeared yesterday in Municipal Court, Room 10, in Indianapolis, where a charge of Offense Against Property Act (vehicle-taking) was dismissed.

DETECTIVES said Bailey had contracted with Love Motors, 3020 North Sherman Drive, to deliver a car to Los Angeles by Nov. 24.

After Bailey failed to make delivery, wanted bulletins were dispatched nationally for the car and Bailey. The bulletins were noted by the California State Highway Patrol, which stopped the suspect Dec. 22 for speeding.

Yesterday's hearing was Superior Court Judge Richard T. Payne's first since he took office Saturday.

BAILEY is on two year's probation from a Marion County Criminal Court 1971 conviction for uttering a forged instrument. He also faces a hearing in Municipal Court on charges of vehicle-taking and fleeing a policeman, filed last September.

Petty added that Marshall High School officials reported that Bailey was expelled two years ago from the school after a series of difficulties.