

# Youth Pleads Guilty In Student's Murder

## STAR STATE REPORT

Greenfield, Ind. — A 20-year-old Indianapolis youth, indicted for first-degree murder in the death of a John Marshall High School freshman, yesterday pleaded guilty to second-degree murder.

Jeff A. Bailey, scheduled to go on trial yesterday for the murder of Robert Jackson Jr.,

15, entered his plea in Hancock Superior Court before Judge Richard T. Payne.

The judge ordered a presentence investigation.

Hancock County Prosecutor Peter D. Shumacker recommended a sentence of 15 to 25 years. A life sentence can be imposed in a second-degree murder conviction, but a parole can be granted after 12 years, the prosecutor added.

An indictment for sodomy will be dropped, Shumacker said.

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