

Downtown Thug Beats, Robs Youth

A 17-year-old boy was slugged, dragged into a downtown alley and robbed of \$29 last night.

Paul T. McDougall, 1413 N. Sheffield, told police he had cashed a check for \$29 in a store at Illinois and New York.

He walked east on New York and at the corner of Pierson a man slugged him. He was dragged up the alley in the rear of the Indiana Bell Telephone Co. Building.

The assailant tied McDougall's hands with the youth's belt, took the money and left him in the alley.

Two purse grabbings were also reported to police last night.

Mrs. Naomi Butler, 55, 927½ E. Pleasant Run Pkwy., South Drive, said she was walking in the 1600 block of Prospect when a boy about 16 years old grabbed her purse that contained a small amount of change.

Mabel Steele, 60, 920 N. Alabama, said two men accosted her near her home and tried to take her purse containing 85c. She struggled with the men and was thrown to the ground. They grabbed the purse and ran.