

California Man Linked With Kidnaping Of Indianapolis Boy

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—A former Indianapolis man is in custody in Los Angeles in connection with the abduction of a 16-year-old Indianapolis newspaper boy who later escaped his attacker, authorities here said Wednesday.

Police said the youth reportedly was lured into a car near his home Oct. 31, driven around Marion, Hancock and Madison counties, then subjected to the driver's sexual advances. He managed to jump out of the car as the driver slowed to make a turn.

Larry W. Payton, 23, was arrested late Tuesday in the home of his mother at Sylmar, Calif.

Warrant Filed

A warrant charging him with the kidnaping was filed by Investigator Darryl S. Churchill of the Indianapolis Police Department. Churchill said he expected Payton to waive extradition Thursday. If he did, Churchill and Detective Sgt. Robert S. Hoke planned to go to Los Angeles Thursday to return Payton to Indianapolis.

The warrant was issued by

the Marion County prosecutor's office after Churchill received two telephone tips that a composite drawing of the suspect looked like Payton.

Payton was held in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

The youth is one of three Indianapolis boys to have been sexually molested in the last year; the other two boys were slain by their assailants.

"Other than that there are two boys dead, I can't draw any parallel" to tie the attacks together, Indianapolis Police Capt. Raymond A. Koers said Wednesday.

Found In Creek

The latest victim, Robert Jackson Jr., 15, was found dead in Buck Creek near Cumberland Monday afternoon.

The first was Mike Bayles, 10, kidnaped near his home Oct. 3, 1970, as he was delivering newspapers. His nude body was found along a deserted road near Knightstown.

"Of course we're going to check it out," Koers said. "But to say that we suspect the person who killed the Jackson boy was the same person who killed the Bayles boy, I can't. There are not the similarities there."

State Police Sgt. John M. Petty, investigating the Jackson case, said the killing of the Bayles boy was being reviewed but there has been no definite evidence to make a strong connection between them.

"We believe we're looking for a younger person" in the Jackson death, Petty said.