

Police Nab Suspect In Carrier's Slaying

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Police in Phoenix, Ariz., today arrested a 47-year-old criminal sexual psychopath on a murder charge in the Oct. 3 slaying of Jerry M. Bayles, 10-year-old

Indianapolis newspaper carrier. Robert E. Schmidt, seized on a warrant issued here Monday night, was nabbed shortly after midnight by three Phoenix officers who raided an apartment, they said Schmidt had occupied the last five weeks.

Indianapolis police said Schmidt became a prime suspect when it was learned he disappeared from Central State Hospital, a state institution for mental patients, a week after the Bayles boy was killed.

Schmidt was committed in 1969 to Norman M. Beatty Hospital at Westville after he was indicted on charges of sexually molesting many Indianapolis boys.

He was later transferred to Central Hospital. Hospital spokesmen said he was restricted to the hospital grounds but could have been unaccounted for for hours between checks.

Schmidt was discovered missing at a routine bed check the night of Saturday, Oct. 10, just a week after the Bayles boy's nude body was found along a Henry County road near Knightstown.

The boy was delivering copies of the Indianapolis Star for his older brother in the early-morn-

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