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ing darkness when he disappeared. His bicycle and a stack of undelivered papers were found on a Westside street about 300 feet from the main gate of the mental hospital where Schmidt was assigned as a groundskeeper.

Indiana State Police had tipped the Phoenix police that Schmidt might be found in the Phoenix area. Authorities had gathered enough information linking Schmidt to the crime to finger him as the chief suspect, and a murder warrant was issued by Judge Val S. Boring of Marion Municipal Court 4 Monday night.

The senseless killing of the young boy prompted police to devote hundreds of man-hours of work toward solving the crime. Thousands of dollars was contributed in reward money for solution of the slaying.

Among the law enforcement officials indignant over the crime was Robert K. Konkle, superintendent of the Indiana State Police Department.

"It's a vile day when an enterprising kid can't even start in the American tradition of free enterprise without losing his life," said Konkle.