

Suspect Held In Murder Of Newsboy

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—Phoenix police arrested an escaped mental patient Monday night on a charge of killing a newsboy in Indiana.

Robert Eugene Schmidt, 48, was arrested by detectives in an apartment where police said he had been living alone for several weeks. He was held without bond pending arrival of Indiana authorities.

A warrant charging Schmidt with the knife slaying of Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles, 10, an Indianapolis Star carrier, was issued Monday night by Marion County Municipal Judge Valen S. Boring in Indianapolis.

Boring said Indiana State Police Capt. Robert A. Gray and Deputy Chief Ralph F. Lumpkin of Indianapolis police asked for the warrant.

Gray declined to release details of the information which led to the charge but said, "It was sufficient."

Police records at Indianapolis showed Schmidt was committed in August 1969 to Beatty Memorial Hospital in Westville, Ind., after being indicted on charges of sexually molesting Indianapolis boys.

Schmidt later was transferred to Central State Hospital in Indianapolis where he escaped six weeks ago.

Schmidt was still a patient in the Indianapolis mental institution, assigned to work as a groundskeeper, when the Bayles boy was slashed to death Oct. 3 about 100 yards from the main gate of the hospital. Schmidt escaped Oct. 10.

Alan R. Kimbell, Indianapolis director of public safety, scheduled a meeting today with a special state legislative committee in Indianapolis to discuss improved security regulations for possibly dangerous mental patients.