

Bayles Case Suspect's Return Expected Today

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hospital grounds and that Schmidt has a record of sexual activities with young boys, led police back to Schmidt.

DEPUTY Chief Lumpkin would not elaborate, but he hinted that new evidence may put Schmidt at the scene of the abduction.

The new evidence led to a meeting Monday among investigators, Percy and Deputy Prosecutor John R. Barney Jr., who submitted the evidence before Municipal Court Judge Valan S. Boring.

Boring issued a warrant after state police had learned that Schmidt might be at Phoenix, and before the day was over Schmidt was arrested by Phoenix police.

MEANWHILE, Mrs. Jerry B. Bayles, mother of the slain boy, said yesterday that she "started to cry this morning (Tuesday) when I read where they picked up a man."



A picture of Robert E. Schmidt, suspect held in the Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles kidnap-slaying, appears at left while the picture on the right is a composite drawing based on information obtained from a witness to the newspaper carrier's abduction.

"I don't know whether he's the man or not, but I feel as bad today as the

day I went to New Castle (Mike's body was discovered in Henry County).

"I feel sorry for the person who did it and if this man is guilty, I don't want him to die like Mike did, but I want him locked up for the rest of his life so he won't bother anyone else," Mrs. Bayles added.

THE POLICE sent to Phoenix will carefully scrutinize the 1970 Rambler belonging to Schmidt. If evidence is found, the auto will be driven back to Indianapolis by one of the detectives there, Koers said.