

Schmidt's Identified As Bayles' Abductor

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A Westside man has identified a photograph of Robert E. Schmidt as the man he saw holding 10-year-old Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles at knifepoint a few hours before the boy's mutilated body was found in a Henry County field Oct. 3, it was learned yesterday.

"That's him. I know it's him," the witness said of the picture of Schmidt, a convicted criminal sexual psychopath who escaped Oct. 10 from Central State Hospital.

"I'm thinking back to that morning," the witness said. "I'll go in a court room because I am positive that is the same man. I may have been mistaken about the car, but I'm not mistaken about that man."

THERE WERE these other developments:

Schmidt was to be returned to Indianapolis early this morning from Phoenix, Ariz., where he was arrested Monday.

Indiana State Police detectives in Phoenix found evidence in Schmidt's

car which they were to return to Indianapolis for examination by criminal laboratory experts.

Marion County prosecutor's records revealed that Schmidt was allowed to live off the Central State grounds for more than three months and run an "advertising" agency, but the arrangement ended when hospital officials learned he had "become friendly" with two young boys.

YOUNG MIKE was kidnaped while delivering The Indianapolis Star in the first block of Harris Avenue within a block of the Central State grounds.

His nude body bearing eight stab wounds was located later on the morning of Oct. 3 in the field near Knightstown.

The witness, whose identity has not been revealed, reported seeing a man holding Mike at knifepoint on Harris Avenue, but left when the man told him Mike was an unruly runaway.

The witness confirmed yesterday that he identified Schmidt's photograph

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