

Sunday, October 4, 1970

Carrier Boy Found Dead Along Road

KNIGHTSTOWN, Ind. (UPI)—The nude body of a boy found in a ditch southwest of Knightstown Saturday was identified as that of a 10-year-old Indianapolis Star newspaper carrier Saturday night.

Police said the boy was Jerry Michael Bayles, Indianapolis.

The body, nude except for socks, had been stabbed eight or nine times. Police said the boy was reported missing by his parents when he failed to return from his newspaper route.

Patrolman Glenn Cupp of the Knightstown police department, the first officer to arrive in response to a farmer's call, said the body was still warm about 9:25 a.m.

Cupp said the body appeared to have been dragged by the heels from a vehicle in the center of the road to a ditch on the south side of the road. It was left lying face up. There was a wound or gash in the stomach which Cupp said apparently was made with a knife.

Marion Adkins, a Shirley area farmer, found the body as he returned homeward after feeding stock.

The body was discovered about one-fourth of a mile east of Indiana 109 and north of Interstate 70 in the southwest corner of Henry County.