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## 'Sketch' Of Killer Suspect Released

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tion provided by the witness, whose name was withheld.

(To prepare a composite, the witness is shown various combinations of foreheads, eyes, noses, hair and facial structures from which he makes selections until a total likeness emerges.)

**THE WITNESS** told investigators the drawing looked "quite a bit like the man."

He added that the man was about 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighed 180 to 185 pounds and had an average voice.

Sunday he said the man was in his 20s and was wearing a dark work jacket and dark trousers.

Yesterday the search was narrowing for a 1959 or 1960 Plymouth or Chrysler product with fins on the rear fenders. The witness said the auto was light green or blue and dusty.

He said the license prefix was 49P, E or F, and had a 5 and an 8 combination in the four-digit number.

**IN THE INVESTIGATORS'** meeting Ralph F. Lumpkin, Indianapolis deputy chief for investigations, compared notes with Capt. Robert K. Gray, head of criminal investigation for state police. As a result, it was decided:

Indiana State Police, under Gray, will remain in charge of the over-all investigation.

There is little doubt that the boy was abducted near 12 Harris Avenue because of the eyewitness account. Lumpkin said there was no indication at the scene of the kidnaping that the boy was stabbed or slain there.

Indianapolis homicide detectives will be assigned to work under the direction of acting captain of the investigation division, Lt. Patrick E. Uberta, because the original crime occurred in the city.

**LUMPKIN SAID** men working under

Uberta will report directly to him or Uberta, who will funnel the information to Gray's office.

Men assigned full-time by state police include Detective Sgts. Martin W. Werling and Harry E. Moore, both of the Connersville Post, and Chester Enlow of the Indianapolis Post.

Lumpkin assigned Detective Sgts. James F. Strobe and Robert J. Tirmenstein of the investigations division and Sgt. Francis L. Schoppenhorst, a lab technician, to work full-time on the case.

He also assigned Lt. Donald R. Campbell of the department's auto desk to work closely with investigators.

Lumpkin said all investigators will meet again at 1 p.m. today.

**BOTH LUMPKIN** and Gray agreed "the witness is the best clue we have and we are depending a great deal on the information supplied by this man."

The witness told investigators yesterday, "I'm not interested in the reward. It just makes me sick to think that a little kid could get killed by a couple of 'brave guys.'"

"I've done some things in my life I haven't been proud of doing and if I can help, I want the family (the Bayles) to get the reward money. They need it. I've got a job and the boy's father doesn't."

(Mike's father, Jerry B. Bayles, a truck driver, has been unemployed about six weeks.)

Lumpkin said the witness revealed that the abductors' car, in which a second man was sitting, was dusty, but that the dust was streaked.

**THE DEPUTY CHIEF** said this indicated the car sat in that area overnight, collecting dew, and that it had not been driven far before the youth was kidnaped.

"We believe this indicates the killer

or killers could live in the area or had been there overnight," he said.

He said investigators, aided by uniformed policemen, spent the afternoon and evening checking residents, businesses, restaurants and service stations.

"This is going to be hard, routine work but we believe somebody in that neighborhood may know who owns a car of that description."

Gray said location of the boy's clothing will be extremely important to the case and asked assistance of all state police posts between Henry and Marion counties.

**HE SAID** they hoped to enlist the aid of citizens in finding the clothing.

"If they have the clothing, or any other information, no matter how trivial, they should call the Indianapolis Post at 633-4964. They should call even if they see a car fitting the description. We need the public's help in tracking down this vicious killer."

At the time of his disappearance, Mike was wearing black jeans, a yellow shirt with "pinkish" stripes, a blue fingertip jacket and black tennis shoes.

The investigators began checking with residents who have recently moved from Indianapolis to Henry County or from Henry County to Indianapolis.

Gray said a state trooper will check the Kentucky Avenue license branch, which handles the 49 P prefix, in an attempt to locate the killer's auto.

**IF NECESSARY**, all three letters that may have followed the 49 prefix will be checked out, he said.

Police patrol cars have been instructed to check in the vicinity of all newspaper substations, where papers are left for carriers to pick up, between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. each day.

Lumpkin said this was not only for the protection of carriers but in hope the car may be seen in the area.