

Slayer Sought

10 yr. old Newspaper Boy Victim of Stabbing

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Indiana State Police today pinned their hopes of finding the slayer of a 10-year-old Indianapolis newspaper carrier to the story of a motorist who said he saw a boy being dragged at knife-point about three hours before the victim's stabbed body was found.

The victim was Jerry M. Bayles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry B. Bayles.

The witness told authorities he could identify the man with the knife. He said the incident occurred about 6 a.m. last Sat-

urday near a house on the west side of Indianapolis where the boy's bicycle and undelivered papers were found. The boy's nude body was found about 9 a.m. on a country road near Knightstown in Henry County. His parents identified the body about 7 p.m. Saturday.

The witness, whose name was withheld, said the boy was being dragged toward a car in which another man waited. The man holding the boy said the youth was his son and was trying to run away from home.

The witness gave police a de-

scription of the car and a partial identification of the license plates.

A Sunday newspaper story of the missing boy aroused his suspicions, the witness said, and he reported his experience to police Sunday afternoon.

The witness said he was driving by when he stopped to ask the man why he was dragging the boy. The boy yelled just before he stopped the car, the witness said.

A woman who lives in the neighborhood where the boy's bicycle was found said she heard a scream about 5 a.m. Authorities believe it could have been the same one the witness heard. She said she looked in the direction of the scream but saw only a departing car's headlights.

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