

Newspaper Carrier Found Stabbed To Death

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stabbed once in the back, possibly with a long-bladed knife, and several times in the lower abdomen.

THE DETECTIVE said the boy was clad only in socks when found in 4-foot-high weeds along a gravel road 5 miles north of Knightstown at 8:55 a.m.

None of Jerry's clothing or a weapon were found.

Werling said there were heel scrape marks extending 15 feet to the ditch from the road.

Henry County Coroner David L. Estell said the body was found by a farmer, Marion Adkins III, R.R. 2, Shirley. Estell said the body could not be seen from a car on the road, but that Adkins had been riding a tractor along the side of the road.

THE CORONER estimated time of death at 6:30 a.m. He said death was due to internal bleeding and that there were no signs of sexual molestation. There were bruises on the neck and right arm.

The boy's brother, Gordon A. (Bud)

Bayles, 15, a sophomore at George Washington High School, had delivered papers for about five weeks. Jerry trailed along every morning during the summer and two or three times a week since school started, the father said last night.

Yesterday morning, Jerry, a fifth-grade pupil at School 50, asked to take the route, and Bud returned to bed, the father said.

ABOUT 6:30 A.M. several subscribers telephoned about papers being undelivered.

Bud went to the start of the route and found the bicycle and 46 of the 48 papers. None of the remaining papers had been folded, Bud said.

Bud returned home and informed his parents, who told police the 65-pound, 4-foot, 4-inch youth was missing. The father said police suggested looking further, then calling back if the boy was not found.

AFTER BUD finished his route, he accompanied his brothers, John, 12, and James, 8, and their father, in a search of the neighborhood.

About 1 p.m., a radio broadcast revealed discovery of a boy's body in eastern Indiana. The description of the body fit Jerry closely, the father said.

The father, a truck driver out of work six weeks because of a strike, called state police, and a trooper came to the house to get a photograph of Jerry.

About 6 p.m., the trooper returned and said the identification was close, but that the family had to make a more certain identification in the Couden Funeral Home at New Castle.

"WHEN I SAW his red hair, I knew it was him," the father said.

Services for Jerry are pending in the Farley Funeral Home here.

Survivors, besides the parents and brothers, are a sister, Mrs. Ronald F. Bowman of St. Paul, Minn.; a half-sister, Mrs. Michael R. DePrato of Indianapolis; three half-brothers, Gary G. Bayles of Rockford, Ill., Lyle C. Bayles of Bradley, Ill., and Ronald L. Bayles of Beardstown, Ill., and the grandmothers, Mrs. Minnie S. Ogden of Indianapolis and Mrs. Ida Mae Bayles of Rushville, Ill.