

# Eastside Man No Longer Suspect In Slaying Of Newspaper Carrier

An Eastside man who has been charged with sex offenses was eliminated as a suspect in the murder of Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles yesterday after a polygraph (lie detector) test, police said.

Capt. Robert K. Gray of Indiana State Police, who is in charge of the investigation, said the 25-year-old man was questioned because he fit the general description of the boy's slayer and has been charged with sex crimes.

Gray said investigators have

completed 75 per cent of a canvass of 360 residents who live in the boy's neighborhood.

**MOST OF THE** information is what they already had received, and nothing new of any consequence has turned up, Gray added. The canvassing will be completed today.

Two knives have been found, one in the area where the boy was abducted on the Westside and another along Interstate 465. Gray said both knives were tested and eliminated as murder weapons in the Oct. 3 stabbing death.

The 10-year-old victim's body was found in a Henry County field a few hours after he was abducted while delivering The Indianapolis Star, in the first block of Harris Avenue.

**A CONTRIBUTION OF \$46.52** yesterday to the Jerry Bayles Reward Fund, from Westside tavern owners, drivers and salesmen, raised the total to \$6,420.84.

This includes \$5,000 offered by Eugene C. Pulliam, publisher of The Star and The Indianapolis News.

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