

Identity Of Tipgiver In Carrier Slaying Can Be Kept A Secret

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driving north on Harris about 6 a.m. on Oct. 3 when he saw a car—described as a light blue or dusty green, a late 1950s Rambler or Dodge—pull out of the first alley south of Washington Street and stop, angled across the street.

He said the car had fins on the rear fenders with round tail lights and a chrome-rimmed rear window. The rear license plate was on or recessed in the back bumper, he said.

The alley is about 50 feet from the home of William H. Johnson, 12 South Harris, where the boy's bicycle and 46 of his 48 papers were found.

THE WITNESS got out of his car to say something about the auto blocking the street when he saw a man in his 20s, wearing a dark work jacket and dark trousers, dragging a boy.

A second person with close-cropped hair was sitting in the auto, the witness said.

The witness said he called, "What in hell are you doing with the kid?"

The man turned around, providing the witness a good look at him and said, "That's my kid and he's running away. I'm taking him home."

HE TOLD the assailant it was a terrible way to treat a child and then pre-

tended to light a cigarette so he could observe the car's license plate.

He said the plate was dusty but that it appeared to have a 49P or E prefix and a combination of 5 and 8 in the number.

The witness said the boy did not speak while he talked to the older man and he did not question the youngster.

HE DID SAY, however, that he heard the victim yell just as he stopped the car.

Police have put together a composite drawing of what the killer may look like based on the description provided by the witness. The drawing accompanies this story.

Jerry's older brother, Gordon, who normally delivers the route, went to look for him after receiving several calls about undelivered papers.

A RADIO BROADCAST revealing the discovery of a boy's body near Knightstown led the father, Jerry B. Boyles, 3028 West Jackson Street, to suspect it might be his son.

A big question baffling investigators is why the boy's body was taken so far east of Indianapolis when it would have been much quicker for the killer to dispose of the body in a nearer westside rural area.



SEEN THIS MAN?
Sketch Of Alleged Killer

Capt. Robert K. Gray of the Indiana State Police, who is heading the investigation, has three possible routes in mind that the killer might have driven after slaying the youth.

THE POSSIBLE ROUTES are shown in a drawing accompanying this story.

They are:

No. 1 — East on Washington Street to Interstate 465 then north on I-465 to Interstate 70 then east on I-70 to an interchange just north of Knightstown then north on State Road 109.

No. 2 — East on Washington Street to Knightstown then north to State Road 109.

No. 3 — West on Washington Street to I-465 then around the south side of Indianapolis on the interstate to Washington Street then east to Knightstown then north to State Road 109.

GRAY BELIEVES route No. 1 is the strongest possibility. He asks that anyone who might have traveled these routes the morning of Oct. 4 to search his memory for any information that might be of help to the murder investigation.

Investigators say there was no useful evidence at the site where the body was found and "not enough blood for it to be feasible the murder happened there."

The boy a fifth grade pupil at P.S. 50, had been stabbed once in the back, possibly with a long-bladed knife, and several times in the abdomen.

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, although investigators still believe this to be the motive.

There were bruises on the neck and right arm.

There were also no clues found on Harris Street where the Boyles' boy's bicycle and newspapers were discovered.

State Police searched a 2½-mile area around where the body was discovered but did not uncover the murder weapon nor the boy's clothing.

WHEN LAST SEEN, the 4-foot, 4-inch, 65-pound boy was clad in black jeans, a pink striped yellow shirt, blue windbreaker and black shoes.

The murder investigation, which Indianapolis Police Chief Winston L. Churchill admitted "got off to a slow and clumsy start," has been intensified lately but still has not yielded results.

That "slow and clumsy start" included an incomplete first autopsy which caused the necessity of a second autopsy and the failure of blood samples to be taken of the body so that a possible matchup could be made if blood was discovered in a suspect's auto.

ALSO, A DELAY in taking fingerprints off the murder victim's bicycle gave other youngsters a chance to use

the bike and eliminate the possibility of finding prints.

The only suspect in the case so far, a 47-year-old Indianapolis man, was brought to Indianapolis Monday from Bowling Green, Ky., by detectives on warrants accusing him of sexually molesting two carriers for The Indianapolis Star last January.

After submitting to a lie detector test (polygraph) it was determined the man was not involved in the slaying.

TWO OTHER MEN, including the witness, also have been given polygraph tests. They revealed that the witness was telling police all he knew of the killing and cleared the other man of any involvement in the murder.

This last week, 12 full-time police investigators completed canvassing more than 360 homes in an area bounded by Warman Avenue, Eagle Creek, Washington Street and the Penn Central Railroad in an attempt to pick up any new leads in the case.

Investigators also have followed up on more than 300 letters and phone calls offering information in the case including a letter in which the murder was solved by a Ouija board.

Nothing has come from the leads yet, but recent information and tips have been "exciting," according to police.