

## *Official Praises Star On Murder Tip Idea*

A high-ranking Indiana State Police officer yesterday lauded The Indianapolis Star for initiating a method for citizens to provide tips in the kidnaping-murder of a 10-year-old newspaper carrier.

Lt. Col. James R. Peva, State Police executive officer, also praised concerned citizens for their aid "in attempting to solve this hideous crime."

**HE WAS REFERRING** to the stabbing death of carrier Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles Oct. 3.

"I applaud the approach The Star is taking and approve of the whole-hearted efforts The Star is making," Peva said.

The Star is suggesting a way that information can be given to police without the tipgiver disclosing his name.

**IF YOUR INFORMATION** results in the arrest and conviction of the slayer or slayers, you could claim more than \$6,000 reward anonymously.

Since the nude body of the stabbed newspaper carrier was found by a farmer Oct. 3 on a county road near Knightstown, Indiana State Police and Indianapolis police investigators have questioned more than 700 persons in an attempt to gain information.

The reward fund was started with \$5,000 from Eugene C. Pulliam, publisher of The Star and The Indianapolis News. Since then other individuals, businesses, and organizations have added

pledges of more than \$1,000.

**IF YOU**, or anyone you know, has important information about the case, you can supply the facts without revealing your identity to police by writing the information in a letter.

Repeating the procedure as described in The Star yesterday:

Make up a number and write it at the top and bottom of your letter. That number will serve as a claim check number if your information results in an arrest.

Tear off the bottom of the letter, with your matching identification number, and keep the bottom in a safe place.

Mail the letter to this address:

**Bayles Murder Case  
The City Editor  
The Indianapolis Star  
307 North Pennsylvania Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206**

Your information will be given directly to the Indianapolis Police Department or the Indiana state police and your identity is protected.

If your information results in the arrest and conviction of the slayer or slayers, you may claim the reward without disclosing your name. Just submit the torn bottom section of the letter, with the correct identification number, to The Star. If the torn pieces match, this will provide confirmation for the reward.