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Identity Of Tipgiver In Carrier Slaying Can Be Kept A Secret

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driving north on Harris about 4 a.m. on Oct. 2 when he saw a car—described as a light blue or dusty green, a late 1966 Rambler or Dodge—pull out of the first alley south of Washington Street and stop, angled across the street.

He said the car had four or five riders with round tail lights and a chrome-trimmed rear window. The rear license plate was on or around in the back bumper, he said.

The alley is about 30 feet from the home of William H. Johnson, 12 South Harris, where the boy's bicycle and 40 of his 45 papers were found.

THE WITNESS got out of his car in any way 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 seat, the witness said.

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

The man turned around, revealing 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 assistant it was a terrible way to treat a child and then pro-

ceeded 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 6P or K prefix and a combination of 3 and 4 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 BRIEFING revealing the discovery of a boy's body near Knightstown told the father, Jerry B. Bayles, 3024 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 nearby wooded rural area.



SEEN THIS MAN?
Sleuth Of Alleged Killer

Capt. Robert K. Gray of the Indiana State Police, who is leading 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 40, then north on I-40 to Interstate 70 then east on I-70 to an interchange just north of Knightstown then north on State Road 300.

No. 2 — East on Washington Street to Knightstown then north to State Road 300.

No. 3 — West on Washington Street to I-40 then around the south side of Indianapolis on the Interstate to Washington Street then east to Knightstown then north to State Road 300.

GRAY BELIEVES route No. 1 is the strongest possibility. He adds that anyone who might have traveled these routes the morning of Oct. 4 is worth 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. 38, 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 Bayles 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 weapons near the boy's clothing.

WHEN LAST SEEN, the 14-year-old, 6-foot, 60-pound boy was clad in black jeans, a pink striped yellow shirt, blue windbreaker and black shoes.

The murder investigation, which Indianapolis Police Chief William L. Churchil 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 match could be made if blood was discovered in a suspect's suit.

ALSO, A DELAY in taking fingerprints of 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 40-year-old Indianapolis man, was brought to Indianapolis Monday from Bowling Green, Ky., by detective 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 200 homes in an area bounded by Worman Avenue, Eagle Creek, Washington Street and the First Central Railroad in an attempt to pick up any new leads in the case.

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

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

SPONTANEOUS REACTION BY WESTSIDE FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, STRANGERS

Kindnesses From Others Pour In For Stricken Family

By CAROLYN PICKERING

Mrs. Lucille Bayles, tearfully commending the grief only a mother can know 13 days after the still unsolved murder of her 14-year-old son, stood in the door of her modest home at 3024 West Jackson Street.

In the pocket of her worn but neat housecoat were a dozen letters, mostly from strangers.

"I must have received at least 100 cards and letters from folks I don't know. People are so thoughtful," said this out-of-control woman who has seen few, if any, threats of light that would give hope for a better tomorrow.

Yet, through the tragedy that has befallen the Bayles family, an outpouring of kindness from a group of people whose own lot in life accustoms, has given Mrs. Bayles that elusive thread of light she may have thought would never shine.

It began only hours after the lifeless little body of Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles was found on a deserted gravel road near Knightstown.

NO ONE PERSON had the idea. It was simply a spontaneous reaction on the part of some 200 families who live in the Westside neighborhood of the Bayles.

School 30 Principal Richard C. Sturm got the first call early Sunday, October 11. It came from Mrs. Betty Phlips, a neighbor of the Bayles, who reported the death of "Mike," the same most familiar to those who know the responsive little fellow who "never caused a moment's trouble in school."

STURM, principal at School 30 for 18 years, made a single call—to Mrs. Loretta Ferguson, the PTA president.

By noon Sunday, 50 key people in every block from Eagle Creek to Harding Street and from Michigan Street south to

the Belt Railroad, sprang into action.

YOUNGSTERS dropped Sunday School bags about neighborhood ball games and going to movies.

"Parents and children alike rang doorbells and the response was overwhelming," Sturm said.

Within 48 hours there were enough canned goods, staples and fresh foodstuffs to last the Bayles family the rest of the year.

"The canned goods and staples alone filled two rooms," Sturm said.

HOT MEALS were prepared and delivered to the family by PTA members Sturm says "are the finest group in the world."

Perhaps the most significant donations were the cash contributions collected.

"It should be remembered," said Sturm, "that this community consists primarily of very proud, but poor people."

"Many live solely on Social Security. Others are on welfare, yet, no matter what the problem within our community, they apply the Golden Rule."

THE LARGEST single cash contribution was a \$1 bill—and that came from an area merchant.

There were a few \$1 bills, but the huge bulk of the cash going came literally in nickels and dimes.

And, when it was all totaled up, the sum was \$220.23.

Families in the All Saints Catholic parish and those with youngsters attending School 20 in a case of whom know the Bayles) were among those participating.

"IF THE NATION could rally together with the same spirit of helping the neighbor as these people have done, there would be few troubles in our land today," Sturm said.

No one appreciates the kindness of her neighbors more than Mrs. Bayles. Her husband is unemployed and she has supported her family on a meager salary she draws as

an employee of a drive-in restaurant.

She's going back to work tomorrow because she feels "it will be best for me."

The firm for whom she

works, generating the same community spirit, "kept me on the payroll since Mike died even though I haven't worked."

"They've been awfully nice," she said.

The small sum helping to augment the family income by delivering the morning newspaper must have been pretty special, too—like his mother.

Eleven-year-old school mate

Morris Latham said it like it is.

"MIKE WASN'T smart at all like most of the other boys. He was sweet and nice."

In addition to the contributions gathered by the school community,

wardenhearted parents have sent cash donations totaling \$63.32 for the family.



Pupils from School 30, 72 North Bellevue Place, deliver canned goods to Mrs. Lucille Bayles, mother of slain newspaper carrier Jerry (Mike) Bayles. The pupils are (left to right) Doug Batts, 11, 211 North Holmes Avenue; Michael Heston, 12, 518 South Holmes; and Morris Latham, 11, 224 North Holmes. (Star Photo)