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HOPE FOR BREAKS DASHED

Car Discounted As Clue In Bayles Case

Hopes for a major break in the Jerry M. Bayles slaying investigation, based on recovery of an abandoned car in Texas, ended last night.

Three Indiana State Police investigators reported from Amarillo, Tex., that the 1955 blue Chevrolet had been stolen in September from Terre Haute.

It was believed earlier that the car was owned by an Indianapolis man who lived within 1½ miles from where the Bayles boy was abducted Oct. 2.

THE HOOSIER policemen in Texas told State Police Capt. Robert K. Gray that they believed the car had been stolen by escapees from the Federal Prison at Terre Haute and abandoned in Amarillo.

The Texas Highway Patrol, which reported finding the car Tuesday, had traced the auto's vehicle inspection number and, through a mixup, it was identified wrongly as one registered to the Indianapolis man.

The state police investigators, Capt. Ray Thompson, Sgt. Marvin Wright and Detective Dallas Norman, were to return to Indiana early today.

THEY SAID they examined

the car thoroughly but found only a few partial fingerprints. A knife found in the car also was ruled out as possible evidence in the Bayles case.

The Bayles boy was abducted the morning of Oct. 3 while delivering The Indianapolis Star in the first block of Harris Avenue on the Westside.

His nude body was found a few hours later off a Henry County road.

An autopsy showed he had been stabbed eight times.

THE WITNESS to the abduction and a woman's report of seeing the boy in a car near Greenfield the morning of the slaying have provided the main evidence in the case so far.

Rewards totaling more than \$6,000 have been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer or killers.

This includes \$256.02 donated yesterday by the New Hair Company of New York, N.Y.,

and \$2 from a carrier of The Star, Dave Thornton, 4521 Manning Road.

THE STAR is offering a plan for anyone with information about the case to turn in the information anonymously.

To do so, write the information on a piece of paper. Select a number and write it at the top and bottom of the paper. Then tear off the bottom part of the letter with the number and retain it as a claim check.

Mail the top part of the letter to the City Editor, The Indianapolis Star, 307 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, 46206.