

Newsboy kidnaped

Man held as abductor of Indianapolis youth

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INDIANAPOLIS — Police here said they expected to go to Los Angeles this week to pick up Larry W. Payton, 23, formerly of Indianapolis. He was jailed there on a kidnapping warrant issued in conjunction with the abduction of a 16-year-old Indianapolis newspaper carrier.

Payton was arrested late Tuesday at the home of his mother in Sylmar, Calif., police said. Investigator Darryl S. Churchill of the Indianapolis Police Department said Payton was expected to waive extradition proceedings from California.

He is charged with the Oct. 31 abduction of a newspaper carrier. The youth was driven around Marion, Hancock and Madison counties by his abductor and was subjected to the driver's sexual advances, police said. The youth escaped from the car without injury when the driver slowed to make a turn.

The warrant was issued by the Marion

County prosecutor's office after Churchill received two telephone tips that a composite drawing of the suspect looked like Payton.

Payton was held in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

Police here said they had no evidence to link Payton with the deaths of two other teenaged Indianapolis boys who have been found murdered within a little more than a year.

"Other than that there are two boys dead, I can't draw any parallel" to tie the attacks together, Indianapolis Police Capt. Raymond A. Koers said Wednesday.

One of the victims, Robert Jackson Jr., 15, was found in Buck Creek near Cumberland Monday afternoon.

The first was Mike Bayles, 10, kidnaped near his home Oct. 3, 1970, as he was delivering newspapers. His nude body was found along a deserted road near Knightstown.