

Kidnaper Takes Girl; Frees Her

An eight-year-old Wixom girl who apparently was abducted while riding her bicycle near her home was found Monday afternoon about five hours after she had disappeared.

The girl, Patsy Lakner of 47000 West Rd. was found wandering on Haggerty Rd. near Grand River in Farmington Township, about four miles from her home. The area is in southern Oakland County.

Wixom Patrolman Lawrence Beamish said she apparently was not harmed.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lakner.

BEAMISH SAID the girl told the police she was riding on West Rd. about 300 feet from her home when a man drove up beside her and pulled her through the left-front window of the car. This was about 11 a.m.

Her bicycle was found at the scene of the abduction.

The child was unable to tell how she was driven around, though she did say she was driven through the town of Walled Lake, the police said.

Finally the driver stopped the car somewhere on Haggerty and told her to get out, she said.

She was found at 4:30 p.m. by Mrs. Gordon Rogerson of 24750 Haggerty, Farmington Township. Mrs. Rogerson said the child appeared to be puzzled but otherwise in good condition.

OFFICERS FROM the Oakland County Sheriff's department, Wixom, Novi Township and Walled Lake, had joined in the all-day search for the child. They were aided by a helicopter and a tracking dog.

Wixom police said Patsy described the driver of the car as a middle-aged white man, about 220 pounds with a small mustache and dark hair worn in a brush cut. She said he was wearing a white shirt and dark trousers.

HE WAS said to be driving a blue, four-door Ford that was scraped on both sides.

Wixom police said they are looking for one suspect who fits the description given by the child.