

## Oakland Child, 12, Vanishes

The disappearance of a 12-year-old Ferndale boy who was missing overnight touched off a widespread hunt Tuesday by police concerned about the slayings of five youngsters within the past year in southern Oakland County.

The boy, Mark Anthony Wayno, last was seen Monday night when he apparently gave a false address to the mother of a friend who had offered to drive him home.

Police said that the boy had run away twice before but that this was the first time he was missing overnight.

The boy's father, Robert, expressed fears for his safety.

"Every policeman in Ferndale has been going door-to-door looking for him," the father said. "He was my best buddy, my best friend."

The boy is five feet tall, weighs 100 pounds and has brown hair and brown eyes. He was wearing navy blue corduroy slacks, a light blue wool pullover sweater, brown shoes, a dark blue knit hat and matching knit gloves.

The Wayno boy lived with his father, who is divorced, and with an older sister, Donna. He is a seventh-grader at Coolidge Junior High School in Ferndale.

FERNDALE Police Chief Donald Geary said authorities were particularly troubled by the boy's disappearance because of the five unsolved child murders.

"We'd be concerned in any case," Geary said. "But with what's been going on lately, we're even more concerned."

The Wayno boy lives directly across the street from the home of Mark D. Stebbins, another 12-year-old, who was found murdered in Southfield last February after he had been missing for four days from his home.

Twenty Ferndale policemen looked for the boy Tuesday. Police said they had talked to all of the boy's friends at school and had checked places that he frequented.



Mark Wayne

## Ferndale Runaway Is Found

FERNDALE (UPI) — Mark Wayno is back home today, ending fears the 12-year-old seventh grader may have been another victim in a series of child murders in southern Oakland County.

Police found Mark, safe and unharmed, shortly after noon Wednesday on a bicycle on the I-75 freeway in neighboring Royal Oak. He had run away from home with only a few pennies in his pockets Monday night, sparking an intense police search.

Police said one of the reasons Mark may have tried to run away was that he had received a bad report card Monday at Coolidge Junior High School in Ferndale where he is a seventh grader.

His family had spent an anxious 37 hours fearing he may have been abducted and killed. Five other children have been found dead under mysterious circumstances in the north Detroit suburban area over the past 13 months.

The latest victim, whose body was discovered last Monday, was 12-year-old Kristine Mihelich of Berkley. Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson continued a news blackout on the Mihelich case Wednesday, saying only that laboratory specialists are continuing to examine specimens from her body in an attempt to determine the cause of death.