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A 45-year-old Chicago baker who knew the slain Grimes sisters has told police he heard a youth threaten Patricia with, "You'll be sorry," on the night the two girls left home never to return.

William Absher, a neighbor of the Grimes family, reported seeing Barbara, 15, and Patricia, 13, around 7:30 p.m., Dec. 28, talking with three boys in a 1955 or 1956 car with a red body and black top.

As the younger sister stepped away from the car, Absher said, a youth in the back seat, whom Patricia had called "Jack," said: "You'll be sorry."

The girls whose nude bodies were found Jan. 22 in a frozen suburban Willow Springs ditch, were then on their way to a neighborhood theater. Several witnesses saw them at the movie and walking home as late as 11:30 that night.

The trail thus far has ended there but police believe they met their deaths only a short while later. The official autopsy placed the time of death around midnight.

Absher said two youths sat in the front seat of the car and one

in the back. He said the two in front were about 20 or 22 years old. Police have a partial license number of the vehicle and are sifting files at the secretary of state's office in Springfield.

Absher also was reported to have given police the name of one of the occupants.

Another late development in the mysterious slaying came from a long-distance truck driver who telephoned Chicago police to say he is certain that he saw the two sisters walking down a lonely suburban road at 12:30 a.m., Dec. 28.

The location given by the driver was less than a mile from the roadside culvert where the bodies were found.

Police said the driver, who only recently read of the slaying, would return to Chicago to give further testimony.

The truck driver said he was certain of the date and time that he saw the girls in the glare of his headlights because he had checked his trip ticket.

The official inquest ruled that the girls had been murdered by an unknown person or persons and death was attributed to exposure.