

Despite call, no connection seen in murders, bombings

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — One of the four employees killed following a weekend robbery at a fast-food restaurant had telephoned authorities after a bombing incident, but Speedway Police Chief Robert Copeland said Wednesday the crimes were not related.

Copeland said the robbery, a series of eight bombings and the murder of a Speedway woman at her home were not connected. He said he based his statement on details of the three investigations, but said he could not divulge any of those details.

U.S. Attorney Virginia Dill McCarty confirmed that Ruth E. Shelton, 17, had telephoned Speedway police on Sept. 6 to report seeing an automobile speeding through the Burger Chef parking lot where she

worked.

McCarty said the call was referred to the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the U.S. Treasury Department, but that agents there did not follow up with a personal interview because they did not attach any real importance to the information.

She agreed with Copeland's claim that Miss Shelton, who died along with three other co-workers from the restaurant, was never considered a significant witness in the bombings.

Copeland also said that his department is mainly involved in investigating the robbery of \$585 from the restaurant since the bodies were found in Johnson County, which puts that crime under the jurisdiction of the state police.

The chief also said officers in his

department are being briefed daily on new details in the case, both to protect themselves and, if possible, to produce an arrest.

"If they (the murderers) will kill these kids, they'll kill police," Copeland said.

State police released descriptions of two men they're seeking as part of their investigation Wednesday. The descriptions were obtained from two youths who saw two men behind the restaurant late Friday night. Earlier, police released composite photos of the two men that were prepared with the help of the youths.

One man was described as clean-shaven, white, 30, around 5-foot-7 and of medium build. The other was described as bearded, white, 35-to-40, 5-foot-6 and of stocky build.