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The following is the statement of Karl Schuele, White, Male, Age 20, 289<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Lake Road, with reference to the homicide of Marilyn Sheppard.

Saturday night, July 3, we had gone to a formal dance at Westwood Country Club. There was Karen Nelson, my Sister, Gretchen, Jackie Karcher, and myself. We left the dance about 2 a.m., Sunday July 4. Drove down Columbia Road, and along Wolf Road, then through Huntington Park, going north, turning west just at the top of the hill. I know that territory pretty well, so we cut across the field. That is where Jack Karcher lives, we let him out. And went down the lane to Lake Road. Turned out on Lake Road, past the Sam Sheppard's home, into our drive. I guess my Sister, and my date got out, opened the garage doors, and I put the car away. Everything was quiet, there was no noise or lights that I know of at the Sheppard's house. We went right up to bed. I read some magazine for a half-hour or so. During this time I heard nothing. About 2:45 I went to sleep. I heard nothing during the night. About 7 a.m. Sunday, July 4, there was a pounding at the front door. I heard it, rolled over, and vaguely remember my Father going down to answer it. Shortly thereafter, my Sister came in and told me that Marilyn was dead. I got up, dressed, and went across to the Sheppard's front lawn. My Mother said that Mrs. Sheppard had been murdered. Mrs. Houk was there with us. She was giving her version of what she had seen. I stayed there for a few minutes. My date was still in the house. I went and told her that she might as well stay in bed as my Dad had something for me to do. Then I went back with the group, shortly thereafter we went down our bank to our beach and walked over across the Sheppard's beach. There was my Mother, My Sister, my Father, and I. We came back up and had breakfast. Shortly thereafter Mr. Stouffer called, and we left on a boat trip.

- Q. Where is your home in relation to Dr. Sam Sheppard's?  
A. It is on the north side of Lake Road, just west of Dr. Sam's.
- Q. How long have you known the Sheppards?  
A. At least 3 years.
- Q. How did Dr. Sam and Marilyn Sheppard get along together?  
A. Perfectly. They always seemed to have fun together. When I was present there was never any friction.
- Q. Is there anything else you can tell us that would help?  
A. I can't think of anything else.
- Q. Have you read this statement and is it true?  
A. yes it is true

Signed Karl Schuele

Witness Jud. J. ...

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9:10 p.m. July 10, 1954  
City Hall, Bay Village, Ohio

Cuyahoga County Coroner's  
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