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WAIVER

State of Ohio
County of CUYAHOGA
BAY VILLAGE

} ss.

} Before

Plaintiff

BAY VILLAGE

vs.

LOUIS WINNER

Defendant

Waiver

Now comes the defendant in the above entitled cause and hereby enters his appearance and enters a plea of guilty, and further waives a right to be present at the time of trial, and consents to permit the court to pass sentence upon him in his absence. Fine and costs to be deducted from my bond.

Dated..... August 1, 1954

Signed..... *Louis Winner*

August 1, 1954

The following is the statement of LOUIS WINNER, Age 59, (W) (M) Married residing 81 Lincoln Ave, Berea, Ohio. with reference to the homicide of Marilyn Sheppard.

Now Louis Winner the law gives you the right to make a statement if you so desire anything that you say here will be used either for or against you. Now that you understand this, do you want to tell us the truth as the facts connecting you to the homicide of Marilyn Sheppard.

LOUIS WINNER: I went to bed about 11:00 P.M. July 3, 1954 at my home in Berea. I couldn't sleep so I got up about 2:00 A.M. I had some beer in the refrigerator so I drank two bottles while I was drinking the beer I got to thinking about the bills Dr. Sam Sheppard was sending me for fixing a broken arm I had. I got kind of burned up and decided that I was going to go out and get even with him. I went out and got my car out of the garage and started over here. I came out the Berea Freeway, down Brookpark, over to Clague, and down to Lake Rd., then west out Lake Rd., I drove by Sheppard's home slowly, there was a light in the house so I turned around and drove by again going east. I turned around again and went back and parked the car about a 100 feet east of the house half off the road leaving the parking lights burning on the car. I got out of the car and walked over to the house taking a three foot piece of 2x2 which I had gotten from the basement at home and put in the car before I left. I walked down a walk and up to the door, I tried the door and it opened, so I went in. As I went in the door I saw him, Dr. Sam Sheppard sitting in a chair to right of the door. I went up to him and he was sleeping, I hit him with the club, I think in back of the head. He slumped down in the chair. I heard a noise upstairs, I went upstairs and in a bedroom to the left I saw a woman laying on a single bed asleep. I hit her with the club about 20 times. I went back down stairs and out the front door and back to my car and drove out to Dover Rd. to Detroit Rd. and back Detroit Rd. to Clague, and went home the same way I came. I put the car in the garage I went in the house, and took my clothes off in the kitchen and took them down the basement and went upstairs and went to bed. I got up again at 7:30 A.M.

Why were you getting bills from Dr. Sam Sheppard?

... About two years ago I broke my arm at the Pearl Rd. Lumber Co., my son David brought me into Bayview Hospital where Dr. Sam Sheppard fixed my arm. The State took care of the bill but I got another bill for \$50.00. I went to the Clinic and the girl there said it was all taken care of. It wasn't long after that that I got another bill, I guess I got a half of dozen or more. I showed one to my boss at the lumber company and he said he didn't see why I would have to pay. Then I get a bill from the State for \$27.00 and it burned my up.

Q. What time did you get over to the Sheppard home that morning?

A. I guess it was about 3 o'clock of a little after.

Q. Did you say anything to Dr. Sheppard before you hit him?

A. No

Q. Did the woman upstairs wake up at anytime?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. Can you describe the layout of the house in detail?

A. No I don't think so.

Q. How did you go upstairs?

A. The stairway was leading off to the right of the living room.

Q. Why did you kill this woman and not Dr. Sam Sheppard?

I was afraid she would be able to ~~identify~~ identify me.

Q. Did you go to the Sheppard home that night with the intentions of killing Dr. Sam Sheppard or anyone at the house?

A. I didn't intent to kill anybody.

Louis Winner

Q. Why did you go to the Sheppard home?

A. I told you before I just wanted to get even with him, to give him a beating.

Q. What did you do with the 2x2 that you used on the woman and Dr. Sam Sheppard?

A. I don't know?

Q. What did you do with you clothing that you wore that night?

A. Through them down the basement.

Q. Were they bloody?

A. I don't know I don't remember .

Q. Is there anything else you wish to say at this time?

A. No

Q. Have you read the above statement and is it true?

A. Yes

Louis Wynn

Witness _____

Statement taken by F.D. Enkhan at Police Dept.
August 1, 1954, 1:45 P.M.