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July 6, 1954.

Statement of Charles Williams Bryson, 28838 Lake Road, with reference to the Homicide of Marilyn Sheppard.

CHARLES WILLIAMS BRYSON: I have lived next to Dr. Sam and Marilyn Sheppard for approximately 3 years, ever since they moved in their home. My relationship to Dr. Sam and Marilyn has been merely that of a neighbor. We had various conversations which neighbors have with one another. I have never been in their house since they moved in, and they have never been in ours. Chip would occasionally come over to see us. Saturday, July 3rd, I left my home about 2:00 P.M. to go to Mentor, Ohio, to see my cousin. I arrived home that evening about 10:00 P.M., and retired shortly. Mr. Paine called me about 9:00 o'clock Sunday morning, and advised me that the reason all the cars were around that morning was due to the fact that Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard had been murdered. This was the first knowledge I had of anything having happened. I got dressed, had breakfast, went outside and went over to Mr. Paines. Mr. Critchfield was there, as was Koko the Sheppard's dog. We stood around and talked about what had happened, I then went over from Paines to Walkers, while at Walkers I noticed 2 men going towards my house and I left at that time to see what they wanted, and from then on stayed at home.

Q. How is your house located in relation to the Sheppard home?

A. My house is about 150' east of the Sheppard home.

Q. Was the Sheppard dog, Koko, normally kept outside or inside?

A. During the day the dog was usually outside, and at night he was kept in the house. Normally he was a quiet dog, except when chasing squirrels, ~~xx~~ or chipmunks.

Q. When you arrived home from Mentor, at approximately 10:00 P.M. Saturday, did you notice any activity at the Sheppard home?

A. I never noticed.

Q. During the rest of Saturday night, or early Sunday morning, until the time that Paines called you, did you hear any unusual sounds or noises?

A. I did not hear anything unusual.

Q. Is there anything else you can add to this statement?

A. No

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

A. yes

James L. Dumbach P.H.
Witness

Charles W. Bryson

Witness

Statement taken by Esther Aldrich,
12:00 Noon, July 6, 1954, at Bay
Village City Hall.

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