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SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT
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Offense: Larceny
Serial No.: 55-95
Complainant: See below
Address: 

(For list of items recovered see attached sheet signed by complainants.)

Additional Details of Offense, Progress of Investigation, etc.

Up on the arrest of Richard George Eberling the following complain reports have been cleared and a number of the items recovered. Reports #55-50, 55-95, 56-172, 56-265, 57-63 have been cleared and the following Larcenies were either brought to our attention by Eberling or realized by the complainants since his arrest.

Herbert Richey, 29076 Lake Rd. One R.D. "Miss Dama", Four Sterling Silver serving spoons. Taken sometime in 1956 from house on Russell.

Alex Brusco, Lane Dr. Near Three R.D. "Miss Muffet", "This Little Pig", "Bitty Pennyfarthing". One Omega Wrist Watch. Taken from home on Lake Rd.


Wight Kinsley, 29005 Lake. Two R.D. "Jasmine" & "Balloon Man", Steuben Glass Coblet, Bulova Wrist Watch, $300.00 cash, Laddie Wrist Watch with green Swede band.


One Sterling Silver serving dish, Two diamond rings.

Donald Morrison. One Steuben Glass cigarette holder.

Donald Burney, 583 Humiston. One Amethyst Pin. $20.00 in cash.

Margorie Danielsen, 429 Canterbury. One R.D. "Toby Jug".

Helena Walsh, 521 Canterbury, One R.D. "Bess".

Earl Danielson, 28920 Osborn. One R.D. "Bonny Lassie", $10.00 in cash.

Harris, 28012 Osborn. Four or five Nylon hand towels.

This offense is declared:

Unfounded

Never cleared by arrest

Exceptionally cleared

Inactive (not cleared)

Signed Ronald B. DuPerow #6

Investigating Officer

Date: 11-10-59

Signed

Chief or Commanding Officer

Date

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The offense is declared:

Unfounded

Cleared by arrest

Exceptionally cleared

Inactive (not cleared)

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Signed

Investigating Officer

Date 11-12-59

Chief or Commanding Officer

Date
contacted Sgt. Sharer of the Shaker Heights P.D. and he told us to bring him over. Prosecutor Gareau was contacted and he said he would like to be there when the test was given. When we got to Shaker the Sgt. informed us that he had contacted his Chief and was told not to give the test because they didn't want to get involved without a request from the County. A typewritten statement concerning Eberling's connection with the Sheppards was taken by Prosecutor Gareau. All this information was to be given to the County Prosecutor by Gareau.

11-12-59, Thurs. County Prosecutor Corrigan told us to drop the whole thing so Chief Eaton talked to Dr. Sam Gerber, County Coroner, who stated that he wanted to talk to Eberling. At 1:00P.M. this date Lt. Hubach and myself took Eberling to Gerber's office and he talked to him until 4:30PM, and then had Eberling dictate a statement. Gerber stated that he would arrange to have a Lie Detector test set up, or possibly a Sodium Penethol test.

11:13-59, Gerber notified us that he had decided to not give the test. He said he believed Eberling and didn't think he was involved in the murder. Lt. Hubach contacted the Safety Director and explained the circumstances and the Safety Director said to go ahead and arrange a Lie Detector test at London Ohio with the BCI. Arrangements were made for Nov. 19 at 1:00P.M.

This offense is declared:
Unfounded
Covered by arrest □
Exceptionally cleared
Inactive (not cleared)

Signed Ronald B. DuPerow #6 Date 11-13-59

Investigating Officer

Signed Date
Chief or Commanding Officer

This form is used by officer assigned to a case to report progress after three and seven days and weekly thereafter, also to report significant developments.
The following is the statement of RICHARD GEORGE EBERLING, W.M., 29 years of age, single, who resides at 33016 Bradley Road, Westlake, Ohio, with reference to a larceny from the home of Dr. Richard Sheppard, at 23346 Lake Road, Bay Village, Ohio.

Now RICHARD GEORGE EBERLING: you have been arrested and may be charged with the crime of Grand Larceny. The law gives you the right to make a statement which may be used for or against you at the time of your trial in court. Now that you understand this, do you care to make a statement telling the truth about the facts that brought about your arrest?

RICHARD GEORGE EBERLING, Yes.

I have been working off and on for a period of six or seven years, cleaning walls and windows and storm windows for Dr. Richard Sheppard and his wife. In the early Spring I removed one silver dish, and one Belk China Vase and Pitcher from Dr. Richard's dining room, I believe it was in the Spring of 1957. No one was home and I just walked out with them. I continued to work on and off for them and then one day about March of 1958, Mrs. Sheppard called me and asked to have her bedrooms and bathrooms washed down. I went to the house with my employees, Ed Wilbert. I started and finished washing the walls and closet in the master suite. When I cleared out this closet in the master suite, this was Dr. Richard's personal closet, I ran across several boxes containing the personal belongings of Marilyn Reese Sheppard. I found one box containing two diamond rings which I removed and put them in my pocket. This box had writing on it which said "Marilyn Reese Sheppard personal property," It was an old cardboard box. I replaced the boxes back on the shelf as I had originally found them. Then I took the rings home with me and took the smaller ring and took the stones out of it and I discarded the setting by throwing it into the trash can at home. Then I took the big stone out of the bigger ring and saved the setting with the remainder of the stones in tact. These stones about which I am talking are diamonds. I saved the stones and also the bigger setting because I did not have time to dismantle the other stones in this bigger ring. I put them in a bag and then put them in my dresser behind the drawer. They remained there until Sunday night, November 8, 1959, when Capt Wilbur of the Westlake Police brought me to my house and I voluntarily took them out and turned them over to the police.

Q. Had you ever seen these rings before you took them to Dr. Richard Sheppard's home? A. Yes. I had seen the large dinner ring lying on Marilyn Sheppard's dresser in Dr. and Marilyn Sheppard's home before Marilyn was murdered. I believe it was the fall before she was murdered.

Q. What was the occasion of your visit to the home of Marilyn Sheppard? A. Myself had started to work for Dr. Sam and Marilyn Sheppard after she had called me on the phone the fall before she was murdered. I then went to work for them, washing their windows and storms and making the Fall change-over from screens to storms. While doing this work, from inside, I had occasion to notice those diamonds on the dressing table in their bedroom. I admired this ring at that time but I didn't take it.

Q. Did you do any other work for Dr. Sam and Marilyn? A. Yes, in the early part of the summer, that would be in the last week of June 1954.

Q. What did you do for them at that time? A. I washed the windows and made the Spring change-over, inserting the screens.

Q. Do you recall what date you performed this work? A. It was the early part of the week of the Sunday preceding her death.

Q. Did anything happen to you while you were there? A. Yes, I cut my finger in an effort to take the storm window out of the window by the kitchen sink and in doing so I went about my work throughout the house and down into the basement and at various times dripped blood in various parts of the house.

Q. Was anyone present while you were there at the Sam Sheppard house on this occasion? A. No, I was alone.

Q. Where were you the morning Marilyn Sheppard was murdered? A. The evening before, I had guests at our house. They left about 11:00 P.M. I then went upstairs to bed, shut the door and looked out the window, opened it and went to bed. We have tenants living at the house on the same floor and my bedroom and they were up when I went to bed. I believe their names are Stanley and Joyce Vraboich and now reside in Lakewood on Clarence. The next morning I arose at 7:00 A.M. and went to 6 o'clock Mass with my mother at St. Peter's Church in North Ridgeville. Later that day in the evening I heard of Marilyn's death over the radio.

Q. Why didn't you take the bigger ring apart as you did the smaller ring that you stole? A. Richard Sheppard's home? A. I had decided that the next time I was called to work at Dr. Richard's home, I would replace the ring and other stones back in their original box.

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Q. Is there anything else that you can tell us about this crime?
A. No.

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

I hereby certify that the following is the statement of Mrs. Beverly Donnelson, relative to a fire that took place about her home in town, on April 26, 1955.

I, Beverly Donnelson, related, hereby state that I lived in my husband and two children in the Donnelson home, and that the living room and the kitchen were before my folks got here and that they were filled with all kinds of things. I called the insurance company and they said to move the living room and the kitchen and that the living room and the kitchen were filled with all kinds of things. I called Dick Sterling, who had called me, and he arrived on Tuesday, April 26th with a man and a woman, and they were moving things around. I asked him what he was doing, and he said he was helping to move things around. I asked him what he was doing, and he said he was helping to move things around. I asked him what he was doing, and he said he was helping to move things around.

Patrick Cullen, Public Intelligence Officer,.

November 11, 1955.

Is there anything else that you can tell us about this crime?
A. No.

I certify that the above statement is true.

Signed

November 10, 1959
The following is the voluntary statement of the defendant, George Eberling, before the Grand Jury of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, on November 10, 1959.

I am 35 years of age, single, who resides with my mother, Christine Eberling, at 3961 Bradley Road, Westlake, Ohio - telephone Tr-1-0233 regarding the larcenies perpetrated by him in numerous homes in Bay Village dating from 1955 up to the present date. I am at the present time a student at Lakeland College and Cleveland College.

When you took these items from the above named homes what did you do with them?
A. I took them home to 3961 Bradley Road, Westlake, Ohio.

Q. Why did you take these items?
A. Frankly, I don’t know why but I know that isn’t the answer.

Q. What did you intend to do with these items?
A. Just keep them.

Q. Have you ever been arrested before?
A. No except for speeding.

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A. High School Graduate from Westlake and Cleveland College courses.

Q. Were you born at the home of Dr. Richard Sheppard, at 2336 Lake Road, Bay Village, Ohio?

A. Yes, I was born at the home of the late Dr. Richard Sheppard.

Q. Have you ever been treated by the Bay Village Police Department, with the exception of the trial in court?

A. Yes, I have been treated by the Bay Village Police Department, with the exception of the trial in court.

Q. Do you have anything else to add to this statement?

A. Within the last few years, with the mounting of these thefts, I have been working off every year a large amount of salary. I have been working off every year a large amount of salary.

Q. Have you read the above statement and is it true to the best of your knowledge and ability?

A. Yes, I have read the above statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge and ability.

The above statement taken by Jay H. Hubach, Lt. at the Bay Village Police Station on November 23, 1959.

November 10, 1959