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July 15, 1954

Joseph M. Sweeney
Sheriff, Cuyahoga County
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: Homicide of Marilyn Sheppard, 28924 Lake Road, Bay Village, Ohio -- Joint report of Deputy Sheriff's Dave Yettra and Carl Rossbach.

Dear Sir:

At 11:00 A.M. this date on an assignment from this Office, together with Deputy Sheriff Dave Yettra, went to the Holland American Lines Steamship Offices, 1052 Hanna Bldg., interviewed Carl Stahl, Agent in Charge, learned that his Office had been asked to reserve one - 3rd class passage from New York to Berlin, Germany for one Lester T. Hoverstein contact address 20248 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River, Ohio, phone ED-1-1935. This arrangement had been made through a Mrs. C. L. Wood, 20248 Hilliard Ave., Rocky River, Ohio on July 6, 1954. Carl Stahl upon checking ascertained that there was an accomodation under date of July 28, 1954. Lester Hoverstien took this date under advisement stating that he would either accept or cancel on July 12, 1954. He however phoned his cancellation to that Office on July 12, 1954.

On July 12, 1954 Lester T. Hoversten allegedly left for home at 216 E. Stocker Ave., Glendale, California.

We interviewed Dr. Stephen Sheppard, 19027 Englewood Dr., Rocky River, Ohio with whom Lester Hoversten had been stopping, learned that Lester Hoversten had expected a cash loan from Dr. Sam Sheppard and since the death of Marilyn Sheppard had caused some confusion, he intimated a loan but was informed by Dr. Stephen Sheppard that he should make other arrangements, due to circumstances in the family.

We also interviewed a Dr. Robert Stevenson, 189 N. Chestnut S., Kent, Ohio, with whom Dr. Lester Hoversten had spent Saturday, July 3, 1954 and part of Sunday, July 4, 1954.

Interview discloses that Dr. Hoversten arrived at the Dr. Stevenson home at about 7:30 P.M., that they had dinner at and visited until about 12:00 midnight. At this time Dr. Lester Hoversten retired to the guest room on the third floor. At 8:00 A.M. the 4th of July, 1954 the Stevenson family had breakfast and shortly there after Dr. Stevenson and Dr. Hoversten played 18 holes of golf at the Twin Lakes Golf Course. They returned to the home at 2:30 P.M. at which time Dr. Lester Hoversten received a long distance phone call to report to John Eaton, Chief of Police, Bay Village, Ohio. The above information was also verified by Dr. & Mrs. Gerald Stevenson who further stated that had anyone left their home that night the family dog would have awakened them by barking. They further stated that Dr. Hoversten appeared elated

over the possibility of his furthering his studies under the supervision of a Dr. Brigotta Dessler at Berlin, Germany and expecting to be there for at least one year.

They further stated that Dr. Hoversten had parked his auto in a drive way adjacent to the Dr. Stevenson home and would have heard him drive away, also would have heard him upon his return.

Respectfully,

Carl A. Rossbach
Carl A. Rossbach, Deputy

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