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NEW MURDER EVIDENCE IS FOUND, POLICE CLAIM

Plan to Keep Data Secret Until Trial

BY HOWARD BEAUFIT

Closely guarded evidence said to further implicate Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard in the murder of his wife today is in the hands of police.

Investigators picked up the undisclosed evidence in talking with witnesses and in a scientific examination of the Sheppard's Bay Village home.

The secret information, according to an official close to the murder investigation, will not be disclosed to the Grand Jury but will be held as a surprise at the trial of the 30-year-old osteopath if he is indicted for the brutal slaying of Marilyn Sheppard last July 4.

County Prosecutor Frank T. Cullitan is considering calling nine witnesses before the Grand Jury later this week. They are Deputy Coroner Lester Adelson, Bay Mayor and Mrs. J. Spencer Houk, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ahern, Homicide Detectives Robert Schottke and Patrick Gareau and two police officers from Bay.

Detectives to Offer Evidence

Pertinent parts of the circumstantial evidence gathered against Dr. Sheppard in the 38 days of investigation would be presented to the jury by Schottke and Gareau.

Police Chief Frank W. Story said that Los Angeles police had so far been unsuccessful in their search for "Margo" and "Dollie," two women who were said to have engaged in amorous affairs with Dr. Sheppard in 1950 when he was studying osteopathy there.

Dr. Sheppard, charged with

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the first degree murder of his wife, will leave his County Jail cell for the second time tomorrow to go to court where Common Pleas Judge Frank J. Merrick will hear arguments on an affidavit of prejudice.

Affidavit Filed by Corrigan

The affidavit was filed by Defense Attorney William J. Corrigan against Acting Mayor Ger-shom M. Barber of Bay Village before whom Dr. Sam is to appear for preliminary hearing on the murder warrant.

Corrigan has subpoenaed eight witnesses to support his charge that Barber expressed bias against Dr. Sam at a council meeting prior to his arrest. The witnesses are Corrigan's son, Attorney William H. Corrigan; News reporters James Flanagan and John Fisher; Press reporter Leah Jacoby; Bay Councilman George Serb; Robert Swanker, an engineer, 537 Cahoon Rd., Bay; Bay Councilman Clifton Gielow, 3106 Falker Rd., Bay, and C. T. Brennan, 29618 Foote Rd., Bay.

If Judge Merrick holds there is no merit to the prejudice claims the preliminary hearing would proceed before Barber tomorrow afternoon.