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July 7, 1954.

Statement of Alice Reese, 3694 Walter Road, North Olmsted, White, Female, Age 24, regarding the Homicide of Marilyn Sheppard.

ALICE REESE: I was hanging clothes on the line and a North Olmsted Police car came in the driveway. The Policeman was at the door when I arrived and he said "Your little boy was hit by a truck on Columbia Road". I couldn't believe it. He gave the impression that he was not hurt badly. He said "Your husband took him to the hospital before I got there". He said "Do you want to wait until your husband calls you, or do you have a way to get there, or I will take you". I asked him to take me, which he did. We went right to Bay View Hospital. I walked into a hall and followed the Policeman and saw my husband Bob sitting on a bench. I spoke to him and all he said "Smitty, our Skippy". I then asked some hospital personnel standing around my husband "Where is he and how is he?" One of this group called a doctor or an intern, and he stated they were doing Cardiac Resuscitation I had told them previously that I was a nurse, in hope that I could see my son and be of help. Personnel stated they had been trying to give my husband some Luminol, but he would not let them. They suggested that possibly he would let you, but he would not. I remained with my husband until a doctor or intern wearing surgical garb came out and I went over to him and he explained that Skippy had died. Before he finished telling me that Skippy had died I suggested that a Neuro Surgeon be called in, as he had mentioned that the truck had passed over the head of my son, but he then explained that the boys heart had given out. I returned to my husband, tried to comfort him, after a while I inquired at the desk as to the release of the body, and told them we were Catholic. A short while after a Priest arrived and we went out to Mrs. Wolf's car and another Priest arrived from our Parish. Mrs. Wolf then took us home. Mrs. Wolf then got a neighbor lady to come in, and after she got to her home she sent her husband over. My Mother and two-Aunts and Uncle came over. Mr. Corrigan from the Funeral home came to discuss funeral arrangements, My Aunt and Uncle took us to a store to purchase a suit for our son, after that we came home and stayed there the rest of the evening. Everyone left somewhere around 6:00 in the evening. My husband and I were alone and retired about 10:30 P.M. We got up approximately 9:00 A. M. Sunday morning.

Q. At any time at the hospital were you introduced to any doctors, interns or staff members?

A. Not that I remember

Q. Approximately how long were you at the hospital?

A. I don't know.

Q. It is alleged that after receiving the information that the boy had died your husband made some statement or threat to the doctor or regarding the truck driver. Do you recall hearing your husband make any statement or threat that day or evening?

A. All he said was "I told him to back up but he went forward". He made no mention of the Hospital personnel, not that I heard anyhow.

Q. Did you know Saturday July 3, who treated your son?

A. I don't know, I think Mrs. Wolf told us, but I am not sure. We were more concerned with the condition of Skippy.

Q. After retiring Saturday night, July 3, did you at any time leave your home, have any callers or visitors?

A. No, we certainly did not sleep very well.

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Q. Did anyone stay with you at your home Saturday night, July 3?

A. No.

Q. Is there anything else you can tell us that may help?

A. No, there is nothing I can add that may help, but we did not know anything about the murder until we read it in the paper Monday, and we decided between ourselves that that was the doctor after looking at the picture in the paper and reading the article about him working on Skippy. We were both very sorry that he had a tragedy to bear.

Q. Have you read this statement and is it true?

A. Yes, as far as I know.

Mrs. Alice Reese

Frederick L. D. ... Ptl.  
Witness

Statement taken by Esther Aldrich,  
11:50, July 7, 1954, City Hall,  
Bay Village, Ohio.