



CSU  
College of Law Library

Cleveland State University  
**EngagedScholarship@CSU**

---

1954 Police Reports

Police Documents

---

7-23-1954

## Letter to Sheriff Sweeney from Harvey Weitzel, July 23, 1954, Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office

Harvey Weitzel  
*Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office*

Follow this and additional works at: [https://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/police\\_reports\\_1954](https://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/police_reports_1954)  
**How does access to this work benefit you? Let us know!**

---

### Recommended Citation

Weitzel, Harvey, "Letter to Sheriff Sweeney from Harvey Weitzel, July 23, 1954, Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office" (1954). *1954 Police Reports*. 20.  
[https://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/police\\_reports\\_1954/20](https://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/police_reports_1954/20)

This Police Report is brought to you for free and open access by the Police Documents at EngagedScholarship@CSU. It has been accepted for inclusion in 1954 Police Reports by an authorized administrator of EngagedScholarship@CSU. For more information, please contact [library.es@csuohio.edu](mailto:library.es@csuohio.edu).

July 23, 1954

Joseph M. Sweeney  
Sheriff, Cuyahoga County  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: Homicide - Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard, City of Bay Village, Ohio, July 4, 1954.

Dear Sir:

Thursday, July 22, 1954, Mr. M. A. Pinkerton of the Pinkerton Security Bureau, 2100 W. 103rd St., Cleveland, Ohio, notified the writer that a Ray Ivancis, residing at 2095 W. 103rd St. had some information which led him to believe that Dr. Sam Sheppard was addicted to use of narcotics, further that the said Ray Ivancis could be interviewed at the Pinkerton Security Bureau at 8:00 P.M., July 22, 1954.

At 8:00 P.M. July 22, 1954 at 2100 W. 103rd St. interviewed Mr. Ray Ivancis of 2095 W. 103rd St., Cleveland, Ohio, telephone Woodbine 1-3458, age 29, married, and employed as a mechanic at the Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co., 17000 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, working on the 3rd shift, 10:30 P.M. to 7:00 A.M., and that he overheard another employee, namely Marion Rodgers, residing East Clairdon, Ohio, remark that Dr. Sam Sheppard had been addicted to use of narcotics, this presumably about nine or ten years ago.

At 11:30 P.M. same date, made contact by telephone with Mr. Marion Rodgers who stated he was 41, married and resided at East Clairdon, Ohio, telephone East Clairdon 6-6155, that he did make remark that it was possible that Dr. Sam Sheppard was addicted to use of narcotics, but that it was only a presumption on his part, that he formed this opinion from a conversation he had with Dr. R. Sheppard, Sr. about five years ago, and during time his wife, Mrs. Harriet Rodgers, was receiving treatment at the Sheppard Clinic at 3146 Euclid Avenue, said conversation took place when Mr. Marion Rodgers made inquiries relative to the treatment of his brother-in-law who is mentally retarded and unable to make proper adjustments to live a normal life, during the course of this conversation, Dr. R. Sheppard, Sr., Mr. Rodgers unable to give exact wording of remark made by the Doctor but to his recollection it was as follows: "I know your problem, I have a boy of my own who we are having trouble to get him to come along".

At no time did Dr. Sheppard, Sr. refer to which boy he was having trouble with, nor did he make any remarks indicating that narcotics were involved, Mr. Rodgers stated it was purely presumption on his part that narcotics were involved and that he formed this opinion after reading newspaper accounts of the murder of Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard on July 4, 1954.

Copies to: Inspt. McArthur, C.P.D., Chief  
Eaton, Bay Village Police Dept., Dr. Gerber,  
County Coroner, County Prosec. Office, Rossbach  
& Yettra, Deputies

Respectfully,

Original Signed by  
E. G. WEITZEL

Harvey G. Weitzel, Deputy