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Suspects Investigated

Initial report date	Suspect	Summary
July 8, 1954	Dr. Lester Hoverston	Took written statement of Hoverston's alibi (Dr. stevanson); interviewed DR. and Mrs. Bailey Re: Hoverston's July 1 arrival, etc.; interviewed Ray Hoverston past interaction with Sam and Marilyn; received information and theories from Sheppard's lawyer.
July 8, 1954	Arnold Shelton Pitts	Transient laborer interviewed in Avon, Ohio; transferred to and re-interviewed in Cleveland.
July 8, 1954	Everett James Conley	Transient laborer interviewed in Avon, Ohio; transferred to and re-interviewed in Cleveland; observed abrasion on nose and conducted consensual search of vehicle, discovering blood soaked shirt that was taken to coroner.
July 8, 1954	Horace Sanders Hudson	Transient laborer interviewed in Avon, Ohio; transferred to and re-interviewed in Cleveland; observed scratches on arms and hands; determined to be owner of bloody shirt in Conley's car (see above); interviewed wife who verified that blood on shirt came from there domestic fight.
July 9, 1954	Esau P. Sarrameda	Received report from Sarrameda's employer that he acted strangely; interview male in Willoughby, OH.
July 9, 1954	Edward Gorman	Interviewed wife who reports husband, who had prior negative interaction with Sam Shepard; took statement from Gorman.
July 11, 1954	Helen Kascic	Disgruntled former patient of Dr. Sam; interviewed.
July 12, 1954	M.W. Geiger	Landscaper for Bay View Hosp. and Sam Sheppard with reported financial problems; interviewed.
July 14, 1954	George Harrison a.k.a. George Ennis	Capt. Murphy from Baltimore, MD. Called Cleveland Police to report Mr. Harrison was offered \$1000 to kill Dr. Sheppard's wife. ????
July 16, 1954	John Spencer Houk	Interviewed and given polygraph test. ??? (partial deception)
July 24, 1954	Ralph Heimann	Identified by Dr. Smith as suspect; interviewed Heimann; interviewed alibi witnesses.
July 27, 1954	Robert Lossman	Interviewed re Sam Sheppard's prior interest in his wife.
July 29, 1954	Keith Weigle	Identified by Dr. Steve Sheppard as suspect; interviewed Weigle; interviewed Weigle alibi; polygraph administered; palm printed.
	JULY 30, 1954 DATE OF ARREST	
August 1, 1954	Louis Winner	Confessed; recanted; interviewed; wife verified whereabouts.
August 2, 1954	Louis France	Reported as suspicious by neighbor because of mental and financial troubles; wife verified whereabouts on the night of murder.
August 2, 1954	Roy Studer	?????
August 2, 1954	Lawrence Taylor	?????
August 3, 1954	Wesly John Hendrix	Tracking possible identity of letter from New Orleans confessing to murder; New Orleans address was no good; New Orleans Police Department record check

		yielded one matching name ,53 year old male; no further leads.
August 5, 1954	Ernest Singer	Drifter with mental problems; interviewed and eliminated.
August 19, 1954	Edward Peck	Lakewood resident informed she has a strange acting neighbor; male interviewed; employer and co-worker interviewed who reported no problems with the man.
September 4, 1954	Richard Melari	Information received regarding Schizophrenic patient; investigated and learned he was hospitalized at the time of the murder.
September 10, 1954	Billy O. Williams	Letter confessing of crime to Sheppard family; interviewed in Trenton, NJ knew no details of the crime; believed to be faking mental illness to avoid criminal charges in Fla.
	OCTOBER 18, 1954 DATE OF TRIAL	
November 21, 1954	Henry Feuhrer	Received information from Elmwood Police department stating individual had information regarding the Sheppard murder; interviewed several times (implicated an individual by the name "Pal"); eventually admitted the story was a hoax to get sympathy to help him find employment; on July 4, 1954 serving time in Knoxville, TN. Workhouse.
November 21, 1954	Phillip Schilling	Interviewed and polygraphed.
December 4, 1954	Jack McAllister	Interviewed and polygraphed.
December 4, 1954	Robert Opalecky	Interviewed and polygraphed.
	Major James Call	
	John Doe (Confession through wife)	
	Mr. Wright	
	Frank Shumick	
	Alfred Oponowicz	