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Samuel R. Gerber
County Coroner

Dear Sir:

We have heard about the Sam Shepherd Murder trial back in 1954. We seen it on TV at that time and heard about it on the Radio. We did hear them say that Sam tried to blame it on a Bushy Haired Man that killed his Wife, They never as yet have found that Man and never will.

On the Eve, on the 4th, of July 1954, there were guests at Sam's house, and after they all went home, Sam had a quarrel with his Wife, about different things which did make him mad, his Wife then went up to bed, and then Sam, laid on the Couch until his Wife got to sleep, so he got up and got the Golf Clubs and the Hunting Knife, which he bought at the Hardware Store the week before. They said that no one else was in the House at the time.

So he took the golf club and started swinging and beating her across the face and head even knocking her teeth out of her jaw, and that is the way that the blood her blood got all over the walls. He then to make sure that she was Dead, he used the Hunting Knife on her. He then laid the Knife on her Pillow it was bloody and so it did make an impression which made it look like pair of scissors or some other Weapon, he folded the bloody Pillow over and when he took the knife out from the Pillow it left the impression of this tool they are hunting for which with the golf clubs were threwed in the Lake and at the time this was done the Lake was real rough so they are buried in the sand, that is why they are not found. Sam threw them in. The bruises which Sam got when he took the golf clubs and the knife to the Lake and he fell in the water, He pretended and said some one did hit him but I would never believe it.

The wrist watches were found back of the Cabin, his and Hers wrapped up, The blood from her he had on his (T) Shirt the blood was smeared all over on the Couch and in his Den. They also found a bloody Finger print on the head of her bed of his Thumb.

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As I heard today they are trying to blame it on a Left handed Woman Golf Player. Sam sure is trying to get out of this, But killing an innocent pregnant Wife Sure is a terrible thing there are lots of People know that he is the guilty Bird, and there is no Bushy Haired Man, Or any left handed Woman Golf Player which done, Sam Shepherd is the guilty one, and there are agood many People Think the same.

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE YOU WILL SEE HOW THE HUNTING KNIFE WOULD LOOK TO MAKE THE IMPRESSION THAT YOU SEEN ON THE PILLOW,

WHY WOULD A MURDER TAKE THE GOLF CLUBS AND KNIFE AND AND THROW THEM IN THE LAKE,

IT WAS ALWAYS TIME BEFORE SAM, CALLED UP ABOUT THE MURDER NO HE HAD TO GET HELP FIRST TO CLEAN UP THE EVIDENCE FIRST, I DID HEAR THAT HE HAD HIS BROTHER COME OVER,

I AM A CITIZEN OF CLEVELAND,

AND THANKING YOU KINDLY,

(W I DO THINK THAT THIS LETTER SHOULD)

(BE READ IN COURT)

WE DO THINK THAT MR. BAILEY IS UP HOLDING A GUILTY MAN.
THIS IS THE WEAPON YOUR LOOKING FOR,

THIS IS THE REGULAR HUNTING KNIFE
just a suggestion

Happened to see them in my tools and wondered if this sort of thing you could be looking for.

Garden tool

for use in cutting rose bushes and

chubboard.

for use in cutting rose bushes and

another aide
Made by L. Shollhorn Co
New Haven Connecticut

Garden tool

Open - 2 blades

(Over)