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July 8, 1954

The following is the statement of Ronald L. Callihan, White, Male, Age 39, residing at 595 Columbia Road, Bay Village, Ohio, pertaining to the homicide of Marilyn Sheppard.

I was upstairs, in bed, at the dormitory at the firehouse, and was awakened shortly before 6 a.m., Sunday, July 4, by a call by the fireman on duty, Dick Sommers, to come down, that he had an ambulance run. We went to Dr. Sam Sheppard's house. And I said what is it? Dick said when Fred left he said it looks like murder. When we got to Sam's place, we took the stretcher out and took it upstairs. On the way upstairs, I noticed water on the stairs. We took the stretcher into the bedroom at the top of the steps, and were instructed to take it out into the hall and wait until Dr. Richard got there. Then Dick and I went downstairs and went outside, to wait until we were needed, or for further instructions. While we were waiting, we just wandered to the back of the house, and down the steps. I noticed wet footmarks on the steps. As I remember we went as far as the landing where the benches are. We didn't stay. We walked back up the steps, but I had noticed people on the pier, east of Sam Sheppard's. As we came to the top of the steps, Sgt. Hubach came around the west end of the house. We walked over toward him, and I mentioned that I had seen these people on the pier. He said to go down and see if they had seen anything, and to get their names. We went right back down. About 10 or 15 minutes had elapsed from the time we had arrived until we went to talk with them. The dog followed us down. When we got over I could see there were two men and a boy about 7. We passed the time of day, asked if the fish were biting, and Dick asked them how long they had been there. He said they had just gotten there, had been there 10 or 15 minutes. One of the men asked if it were all right to fish there. Dick said it was all right to fish there but we just wondered if you had seen or heard anything suspicious along the beach. The man said he had not seen anything suspicious other than the fact that when they arrived there were two teen-age boys on the stone pier east of the one they themselves were on. And wondered why they didn't have fishing gear, being down there at that time of the morning. I asked him if he could identify them or definitely state their age. And he said no, he just had an impression that they were teen-agers. And he asked again if there were something wrong. Dick answered that there was some trouble. I don't remember if Sheppard's name was mentioned. And we thanked them and went back up to the house. On the way back I noticed that the dog wasn't with us, and I wondered where the dog had gone. We went into the house, and went upstairs. We were going to take the stretcher out, and I went to the end nearest Chip's room, noticed the door open, and I looked in. He was lying very quietly, and I pulled the door closed.

"THE TEEN-AGE BOYS
WERE NOT THERE
WHEN WE ARRIVED."

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We took the stretcher back downstairs and put it in the ambulance.
We returned to the fire station. Approximately 6:45 a.m.

Q. How much beach was visible at the bottom of the stairs
from the waters' edge to the concrete retaining strips?
the first time you went down the stairs?

A. Six or seven feet.

Q. Have you anything else to add to the statement that may
be of benefit?

A. I saw a whiskey bottle sitting on the kitchen sink.
I recall that the door from the screened porch into the
house stood open.

Q. Have you read the above statement and is it true?

A. Yes. It is true

Signed Ronald L. Callahan

Witness Fred L. Drumbhan Ptl.

Taken by ldo
11:00 p.m. July 8, 1954
City Hall, Bay Village, Ohio