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July 9, 1954

The following is the statement of James Edward Gorman, White, Male, Age 49, residing at 23809 Frank, N. Olmsted, Ohio, pertaining to the homicide of Marilyn Sheppard, as to his whereabouts from July 3 to July 5, 1954.

I wanted to leave early because it was hot. Saturday morning July 3, I got up about 4 a.m. Called my daughter. She answered. We packed our things. I took Nancy and my dog, and we left for Springfield, Ohio, approximately 4:30 a.m. I think we arrived about 8 or 8:30 in Springfield. I talked to my Brother, and his family. Then I went to church. I came back home to his house, and then we went shopping. After breakfast we went to my niece's house. She is Mrs. Norman Sharp, on Maiden Lane. In the afternoon we went to Driscoll's Meat market. Then we went to the grocery store. We just talked and visited, and watched television. On Sunday we went to church. We came home, and had dinner. Watched television. I took a nap. We went to Cedarville to visit Bill and Helen Lister. We took a walk along some creek. We left there about 10 or 11 p.m. and returned to my Brother's. We watched television. Went to bed about 12. Monday, July 5, we just loafed. I soaked my foot again, as I had an infection. My Brother had decided that my Daughter should stay for a longer vacation, so I took the dog and came home. I arrived home about 8:30 p.m. Dick Wentling came in. I talked to him for about an hour. He went home as he had to go to Chicago. I watched television for a while and went to bed.

Q. When and how did you learn about what had happened at the Sheppard home?

A. Monday morning before you went to church. My Brother had bought a paper. It was in the paper.

Q. What was your reaction to this news and what did you do?

A. I was shocked. I was sorry to hear it.

Q. Where does your Brother live in Springfield?

A. 925 Lagonda.

Q. Did your Brother entertain anyone other than you Saturday evening, July 3?

A. No. Other than the immediate family.

Q. What time did you retire Saturday evening, July 3?

A. Eleven or twelve o'clock.

Q. Did you at any time, after retiring, leave the home of your Brother?

A. No.

Q. It is alleged that you and Br. Sam Sheppard had words in the past year. Would you state what was said?

A. It may have been 2 or 3 months ago. My wife was away from home, and I thought she went to her Mother's. Her Mother called me a couple of days later, and she said Dorothy was in the hospital. So I called the Bay View Hospital and asked for her doctor. He accused me of beating her over the head. And he said she had a concussion. And I told him that I didn't call him to get bawled out. I wanted to know the condition of my wife.

JES
Cuyahoga County Coroner's
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Q. Did you at that time of the conversation or at any time after that threaten Dr. Sam Sheppard?

A. No.

Q. Since you have returned from Springfield, Ohio, have you had any conversation with any one in that city?

A. My Brother.

Q. What was the conversation relative to?

A. He told me that my wife called him. Last night. And then again this afternoon. She told him that Chief Eaton wanted to talk to me. He told me that my wife said I acted funny. He told me that I should see Chief Eaton.

Q. When was this call made, and who placed the call?

A. About 5:30 p.m., Thursday, July 8. I placed the call.

Q. Where is your wife, Dorothy, employed?

A. Bay View Hospital.

Q. How long has she been employed there?

A. About a year as a volunteer, and about a year and a half as a paid employee.

Q. Is there anything else you have to add that may help in this case?

A. No. I don't know of anything.

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

A. yes it is true

Signed James E. Gorman

Witness Lued F. D. Duncan R.H.

Taken by ldo

11:00 p.m., July 9, 1954

City Hall, Bay Village, Ohio