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LI.P.D. 757-54 TROUSERS STAIN SEEN AS BLOOD

Husband Hopes to Attend Funeral Today; Gerber and Family Closeted

BULLETIN

Two pairs of gloves—one with red stains—were found under the platform of the Sheppard beach house, it was learned early today.

Police Chief John P. Eaton said they would be turned over to Coroner Samuel R. Gerber.

The discovery was reported soon after Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard finished a three-hour interview with Deputy Sheriff Carl A. Rossbach.

(Photos on Picture Page)

BY JOHN G. BLAIR

Questioning of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, husband of the Bay Village hack-murder victim, Mrs. Marilyn R. Sheppard, late yesterday was postponed until at least after her funeral this afternoon.

Dr. Samuel R. Gerber, Cuyahoga County coroner, was closeted for two hours at the Bay Village City Hall with the father and a brother of the injured husband but did not receive permission to talk to Dr. Sheppard.

Dr. Richard A. Sheppard, father of Dr. Sheppard, said his son was not in condition to undergo questioning.

Condition Is Factor

Nevertheless, he added, it was hoped Dr. Sheppard would be able to attend private funeral services for his wife this afternoon.

Dr. Gerber said last night that he probably would not question Dr. Sheppard until tomorrow. However, Deputy Sheriff Carl A. Rossbach said he would make an attempt later today, if possible.

Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard, a brother, who has been in charge of treatment for the injured neurosurgeon, said he would determine what his brother's condition was after the funeral ordeal.

Both the father and brother pledged "complete co-operation," Dr. Gerber said. With them during the conference were Bay Vil-

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Gerber to Quiz Bay Doctor After Wife's Funeral Today

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large Mayor J. Spencer Houk, Bay Police Chief John P. Eaton and Arthur E. Petersilge, Sheppard family lawyer.

Dr. Gerber said that the family had agreed to questioning but that counsel for the family would be on hand.

He added that the counsel would not take part in the questioning but would only listen.

Permission was also given by the family to question the 6½-year-old son of the couple, Samuel R., known as "Chip." The family said he could be questioned after the funeral.

Nature of Dr. Sheppard's injuries, which he said were inflicted by an intruder who beat him after chopping his wife to death Sunday morning, was further revealed by Dr. Charles W. Elkins.

Dr. Elkins, assistant professor of neuro-surgery at Western Reserve University school of medicine, said that Dr. Sheppard suffered from a concussion of the spine and that there was a numbness in his left upper extremity.

The medical expert made a lumbar tap yesterday morning at the hospital. The test was made at the Lutheran Hospital laboratory.

Tests were to be made to determine the nature of "a small piece of inorganic material" found on the bedroom floor of the Sheppard house. The material, resembling a chip of paint, according to Dr. Gerber, was found near the foot of the bed on which Mrs. Sheppard's battered body was discovered at dawn.

Shirt Still Missing

Dr. Gerber said it was possible it had come from the murder weapon, yet undiscovered.

Also still missing was the T-shirt worn by Dr. Sheppard earlier in the evening but missing when he was found on the living room floor in a dazed condition.

Dr. Gerber said stains on trousers worn by Dr. Sheppard "had all the appearances of being blood."

Blood smears on the crystal of Dr. Sheppard's wrist watch, found in a bag of personal jewelry in weeds behind the house, have not yet been matched with Mrs. Sheppard's blood, Dr. Gerber said.

The coroner added he had received no report on the palm print found on a desk in the living room.

Gives More Details

Following the two-hour conference, Dr. Stephen Sheppard revealed the following unpublished information about the savage beatings given the doctor and his wife:

DR. SHEPPARD struggled with an intruder at the top of the stairs of the rambling home, 28924 West Lake Road, Bay Village.

SCREAMS AND THUDS of his wife being beaten to death were heard by the 30-year-old doctor as he fought.

MONEY WAS MISSING from Mrs. Sheppard's wallet, which police said was found intact in the kitchen of the home overlooking Lake Erie. Mrs. Sheppard had cashed a check for \$50 earlier in the day and her wallet was empty when found. Dr. Stephen Sheppard told the Plain Dealer.

Says Demerol Is Missing

DEMEROL, a synthetic morphine, definitely was taken from the medicine bag and desk of the injured physician.

Dr. Sheppard said the morphine not taken from the bag

was in a box and was in surety form rather than that usually found. For this reason, he conjectured, it was not noticed if the object of the intruder was to obtain narcotics.

Dr. Sheppard said his brother carried about \$70 in the bill compartment of his wallet. This was missing, he added.

Another \$60, in three \$20 bills, was still in a secret compartment of the wallet. The doctor had \$3 in his trouser pocket when found.

Dr. Sheppard said the injured physician carried the money in the secret compartment for emergency use. He carried other bills in the regular section, he said.

Chief Eaton last night returned to the Sheppard home and brought back to the police station a box in which there was a leather "secretary," similar to a billfold.

He showed it to Dr. Richard N. Sheppard and in it they found \$100 in \$10's and \$20's. The chief said that Dr. Samuel Sheppard had told his family about it and that it had been untouched.

Explains Complications

Dr. Stephen Sheppard said it would be impossible for his brother to self-inflict his injuries.

Complications in the patient's condition have developed since Sunday, when Dr. Sheppard was taken to the hospital after his wife had been found, her head and face chopped 25 times by some sharp instrument.

Certain abdominal reflexes and functions have been destroyed or failed, Dr. Sheppard reported.

He said spinal damage was to the second cervical vertebra just below the skull.

The injured doctor had been choked, punched and received heavy blows on the right side of the head and the back of the neck, Dr. Sheppard said.

Dr. Sheppard said "there has been no attempt on our part to impede or put up any obstruction to questioning of Dr. Sam."

He said the injured doctor had been questioned "on four separate occasions" and it had been apparent "he was not himself." He said his interest as a doctor was his patient's physical welfare.

The brother said that after earlier questioning the condition of Dr. Sheppard had "regressed."

He said that by tomorrow it was hoped Dr. Sheppard would be in condition to be removed from the hospital to the brother's home, 19027 Englewood Drive, Rocky River.

Son Is Guest

There he would be reunited with his son, Chip. Chip has been at Dr. Stephen Sheppard's home for the last two days.

Chip returned to his home, where he had slept through the tragedy early Sunday, to obtain clothing and other items.

At the Bay City Hall conference, it was reported, Dr. Gerber informed the Sheppards and their attorney that if he was not permitted to talk to the injured physician it would be necessary to hold a public hearing or coroner's inquest.

The Sheppards told Dr. Gerber they felt the doctor was not in shape to be interrogated.

Apparently the line the questioning was taking Monday alarmed the family and they called their lawyer.

The Sheppards said they had not told Rossbach he could not question "Sam."

Dr. Gerber said that if necessary a subpoena could be issued,