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July 10, 1954

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The following is the statement of Helen Fowler Schuele, White, Female, Age 45, 28944 Lake Road, with reference to the homicide of Marilyn Sheppard.

Mr. Schuele and I live immediately west of Sam Sheppard's residence. We were awakened about 7 a.m. Sunday, July 4. Mr. Houk and John Eaton were at the front door. They asked if we had heard anything during the night. We said no, why? Mr. Houk said Marilyn Sheppard had been murdered. Then he told how Sam had called him. We walked over to the front yard of the Sheppard's. Mrs. Houk was there. She told of coming over to the Sheppard's with Mr. Houk after Sam called. She had gone up and seen Marilyn. She had poured out a glass of whiskey for Sam, which he refused, saying no, I cannot think clearly now, I won't take that. She said she was puzzled because the davenport didn't look disturbed, and Sam's pants seemed dry. I told them we got home about 10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 3. I noticed the Ahern car in Sheppard's drive. We were asleep by 11 p.m. Our two children and house guest came in about 1:30 a.m. Sunday, July 4. They retired shortly. By that time the children were up and came over. We told them what had happened. They said they had seen or heard nothing.

Q. How close was your relationship with Dr. Sam and Marilyn Sheppard?
A. We were good neighbors but did not socialize very much together.

Q. How did Dr. Sam and Marilyn get along together?
A. Very well. We never heard any unpleasantness.

Q. What was the attitude toward strangers of Coke, the Sheppard's dog?
A. He barked, but immediately quieted when spoken to.
If he did bark that night the noise of the lake would have prevented our hearing him.

Q. Is there anything else you can add to this statement that would be of benefit?

A. Thursday afternoon, July 1, a man looking for tree pruning work walked all around the house and waited for my return.

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

A. Yes, it is true

Signed Helen Fowler Schuele

Witness Paul P. Dunkham R/L

Taken by ldo
10:25 p.m. July 10, 1954
City Hall, Bay Village, Ohio

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