

## Cleveland State University EngagedScholarship@CSU

**Other Suspects** 

The Sam Sheppard Case: 1954-2000

11-11-1959

## Richard Eberling statement given to BVPD

Richard Eberling

Follow this and additional works at: https://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/other\_suspects How does access to this work benefit you? Let us know!

## **Recommended Citation**

Eberling, Richard, "Richard Eberling statement given to BVPD" (1959). *Other Suspects*. 21. https://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/other\_suspects/21

This Richard Eberling is brought to you for free and open access by the The Sam Sheppard Case: 1954-2000 at EngagedScholarship@CSU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Other Suspects by an authorized administrator of EngagedScholarship@CSU. For more information, please contact library.es@csuohio.edu.



22

The following is the statement of RICHARD GEORGE EBERKING, W/M, 29 years of age, Single, who resides at 3961 Bradley Road, Westlake, Ohio, with reference to a Larceny from the home of Dr. Richard Sheppard, at 23346 Lake Road, Bay Willage, Ohio.

Now RICHARD GEORGE EBERLING, you have been arrested and may be charged with the crime of Grand Larceny. The law gives you the right to make a statement which may be used for or against you at the time of your trial in court. Now that you understand this, do you care to make a statement telling the truth about the facts that brought about your arrest?

313764

## RICHARD GEORGE EBERLING, Yes.

I have been working off and on for a period of six or meven years, cleaning walls and windows and storm windows for Dr. Richard Sheppard and his wife. In theearly Spring I removed one silver dish, and one Beleek Chine Vase and Pitcher from Dr. Richard's dinningroom, I believe it was in the Spring of 1957. No one was home and I just walked out with them. I continued to work on and off for them and then one day about March of 1958, Mrs. Sheppard called me and asked to have her bedrooms and bathrooms washed down. I went to the house with my employes, Ed Wilbert. I sarted and finished washing the walls and closet in the master suite. When I cleared out this closet in the master suite, of \* this was Dr. Richard's personal closet. I ran across several boxes containing the personal belongings of Martlyn Reese Sheppard. I found one bax containing two diamond rings which I removed and put them in my pocket. This box had writing on it which said "Marilyn Reese Sheppard personal property". It was an old cardboard box. I replaced the boxes back on the shelf as I had originally found them. Then I took the rings home with me and I took the smaller ring and took the stones out of it and I discarded the setting by throwing it into the trash can at home. Then I took the big stone out of the bigger ring and saved the setting with the remainder of the stones in tackt. These stones about which I am talking are diamonds. I saved the stones and also the bigger setting because I did not have time to dismantle the other stones in this bigger ring. I put them in a bag and them put them in my dresser behind the drawer. They remained there until Sunday night, November 8, 1959, when Capt Wilbur of the Westlake Police brought me to my house and I voluntarily took them out and turned them over to the police. Q. Had you ever seen these rings before you took them for Dr. Richard Sheppard's homa? A. Yes. I had seen the large diner ring lying on Marilyn Sheppard's dresser in Dr. and Marilyn Shoppard's home before Marilyn was murdered. I believe it was the fall before she was murdered

- Q. What was the occasion of your visit to the home of Marilyn Sheppard?

  A.I myself had started to work for Dr. Sam and Marilyn Sheppard after she had called

  me on the phone the Fall before she was murdered. I then went to work for them,

  washing their windows and storms and making the Fall change-over from screens to

  storms. While doing this work, from inside, I had occasion to notice these dinerring
  on the dressing table in their bedroom. I admired this ring at that time but I

  didn't take it.
- Q. Did you do any other work for Dr. Sam and Marilyn?
- A. Yes, In the early part of the summer, that would be in the last week of June 1954
- C. What did you do for them at that time?
- A. I washed the windows and made the Spring change-over, inserting the screens.
- C. Do you recall what date you performed this work?
- A. It was the early part of the week of the Sunday preceeding her death.
- c. Did anything happen to you while you were there?
- A. Yes, I cut my finger in an effort to take the storm window out of the window by the kitchen sink and in doing so I went about my work throughout the house and down into the basement and at various times dripped blood in various parts of the house.
- c. Was anyone present while you were there at the Sam Sheppard house on this occasion?





C. Where were you the morning Marilyn Sheppard was murdered?

A. The evening before, we had guests at our house. They left about 11:30 P.M. I then went uptairs to bed, shut the door and looked out the window, opened it and went to bed. We have tenants living at the house on the same floor and as my bedroom and they were up when I went to bed. I believe their names are Stanley and Joyce Vrabec who now reseide in Lakewood on Clarence. The next morning I arose at 7;00 A.M. and went to 8 o'clock Mass with my mother at St. Peter's Church in North Ridgeville. Later that day in the evening I heard of Marilyn's death over the radio.

Q. Why didn't you take the bigger ring apart as you did the smaller ring that you stole from Dr. Richard Sheppard's home?

A. I had decided that the next time I was called to work at Dr. Richard's home, I would replace the ring and other stones back in their original box.

Q. Is there anything else that you can tell us about this crime?

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

witnesses: 2000 1278d. Py Villege, Chic. on April 25, 1955.

- rements home with my humbers and two all range any his eleter Berezly lie then were in Florida. While they were gene the Teroughled the Fitchian and living room with use. I called the incurating admoney and they sell to have the ving room and the kitchen dune before my folks got hore and thet they relevember 11, 1959 to when my folks got home. I belied Dick Sharling, who had ting well:50 P.M. salve I had moved once. Se strived on Tuesday, April 26th with Don benear Statement taken by an the bligger and that he would claum the living room and dening Patrick Careau, Police Prosecutor and moving things around he took two ching birds, a Royal Salton Figuriae, colled "usnot", which belonged to me, and a large breas burrey used for decoration surposes which were on a shelf next to the firevince. Then. reving them he asked me if the figure was a Royal Dalton. I told him it were "He put these things on a chair while he plushed. After he was all through eleening he instated on outling everything back so he had found it. After hardid that he gathered everything up and he end Don Leit, " He was only gone a few minutes when I noticed that the Royell's a Calfon was gore. I colled his home immediately and a pun anexperce the phone and he waid Wich wer always mispleoling things like that and that it would probably turn up in the next for wacks. I called my slater, Beverly at the office and told her it was gone, and I with mentioned to her that mucho Salty Baltman was right that Disk couldn't be trusted. A little lift letter Don Bohrer came book and daked no to give a mesenge that if anyone come to the house incking for blom to tall thou that they were working on the sore job. He last, To came their erain a short time and said that Dick had get word that a Daltra " were mireling and that he had been cent back to look for it. "He looked but obuildn't lusate 44.8

1. Old Therling cose to your house. Or rest receive and of the last of the very marketing.