Supplementary Offense Report, July 31, 1954, Bay Village Police Department

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SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT
BAY POLICE DEPT.

Offense: Homicide
Serial No.: 54-194

Complainant:
Address:

Additional Details of Offense, Progress of Investigation, etc.

Saturday, July 31, 1954.

10:48 A.M. Received call from one James McCain, 1497 Belmont, Columbus, Ohio. requesting meeting on Sunday, 8-1-54 at the Wagner Brewery, 605 Front St. Columbus, as he had info regarding the Sheppard case. That a woman friend of his Mrs. Kasoma, a neighbor of Sheppards knew info that the Sheppards fought and drank all the time.

Henry Gehlke, of O.B.T. Co. verified call as coming from Columbus, Ohio.

Requested Lt. Sawyer of the Columbus Police Dept. to Check McCain.

Received report from Detective McPeak of the Columbus Police Dept. James McCain, W.M. 64 yrs. employed as Stationary Engineer for Wagner Brewery. Heavy drinker, no known record. McCain stated to McPeak that his wife knows a Mrs. Kasoma, who runs a pet shoppe at 3375 W. Madison St., near W.125th St., and judges cat shows lived next to or near the Sheppards and knew positively of disagreements and drinking parties at the Sheppard home.

Attempted to locate Mrs. Kasoma.

Found a Pet Shoppe at 1373 Madison Ave., Lakewood, Ohio run by a Miss Kathryn M. Thoma, of 510 Huntmere Dr., Bay Village, Ohio. Interviewed Miss Thoma, who goes by name of Kay-Thoma. She stated that she did judge cat shows but had no positive knowledge of the Sheppards life. She stated that she did not know the Sheppards, that she never lived near them, other than as close as she does now. That the only thing she new was what she read and what was discussed among her friends.

Received info and forwarded to Cleveland P.D. that one Morris M. Grossman, of Washington Blvd. stated that someone in wifes family saw activity at Sheppard home the night of the murder.

This offense is declared: Unfounded

[ ] Signed: Investigating Officer
[ ] Date
[ ] red by arrest
[ ] [ ] Signed: Chief or Commanding Officer
[ ] Date
[ ] exceptionally cleared
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That they saw men in house that they now recall to be the brothers on Dr. Sam Sheppard, from seeing their pictures in the papers.
Additional Details of Offense, Progress of Investigation, etc.

July 31, 1954 - Contacted Mrs. Joanne Mucha of 33050 Lake Rd., Avon Lake, Ohio, on information received by her aunt Mrs. Cusick.

Mrs. Mucha states that on Friday July 30, afternoon, a man drove into her yard and walked up to the door and represented himself as a Secret Service Man. He showed no credentials except a typewritten sheet of paper.

This man asked if he might leave his car in her driveway as he was checking on a car parked across the street in a neighbors drive. She said yes. He walked to the garage and stood watching across the street for five to ten minutes and then got into his car and left although the car he was supposed to be watching was still there.

This man was driving a 50 or 51 black Chrysler convertible with the top down.

The man was described as being about 5'11", slender build, black hair, brown eyes, between 25-26 years of age, and wearing a white shirt.

Mrs. Mucha is pregnant at this time.

This offense is declared:

Unfounded □

Signed JHHubach, FFDrenkhan Date

Investigating Officer

Exceptionally cleared □

Signed □ Date

Chief or Commanding Officer

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