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STATEMENT OF RICHARD EBERLING

Now comes Richard Eberling and states as follows.

1. In 1954 I had a contract to wash windows at the home of Sam & Marilyn Sheppard.
2. On July 2 1954 I washed the windows at the Sheppard home.
3. In the morning I had coffee with Sam & Marilyn Sheppard.
4. Spencer Houk came by in the morning & dropped by meat for the Sheppards. I knew Spencer Houk, because, among other things, I also washed windows at his house.
5. Later in the day I was washing windows upstairs, when I heard a woman whom I later saw was Esther Houk. She was screaming at Marilyn Sheppard. She threatened to kill Marilyn Sheppard if Marilyn did not stop ^{seeing R.E.} sleeping with her husband.
6. Later in the day I cut my left index finger on a window in the kitchen.

7. While there, I noted that Marilyn Sheppard's slippers were by the bed in the guest room. They were pink satin slippers.
SAM * RE. ~~No one~~ was using the master bedroom.
8. I heard about the murder of Marilyn Sheppard on the radio the night of July 4, 1954.
9. I spoke with Sam Sheppard on the first week of July, 1954 at the home of Richard Sheppard. I told him what I had heard Esther Houk yell. He told me 'Leave it alone, it's been taken care of.'
10. I learned on or about the summer of 1953 from Ed Wilbert, an employee, that Sam Sheppard was having a homosexual affair with Spencer Houk.
11. In 1969 or 1970 Sam Sheppard told me that Esther Houk had committed the murder of Marilyn Sheppard.
12. I did not tell police, lawyers or other authorities what I had heard.
13. I did not confront Esther Houk about the statements I heard.

14. It is my belief based on the incident I witnessed and conversations with Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard that Esther Houk murdered Marilyn Sheppard. It is my belief that she used a ~~pastry~~ pastry maker from her own house as a weapon. It is my belief that Dr. Sam Sheppard and Spencer Houk covered up this event.

R. E.

15 R.E.

I swear that the foregoing is true.
I fully understand the contents of this document. These statements are made voluntarily and freely. I have received no pecuniary or other gain, nor any promise of payment. I release and hold harmless any persons who are subject to liability in reliance upon this document.

16 R.E.

There are 4 pages to this document.
Paragraphs are numbered 1 to 16.
All of this document is handwritten in ink.

I have read all of the foregoing and swear and attest to its accuracy and the truth of the statements therein.

Date _____

signed by R.E.

Witnessed by

Richard H. Eberling

Date

March 28, 93

Witnessed: Guthrie J. Coop
March 28 1993