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## 1994 Richard Eberling Polygraph Test

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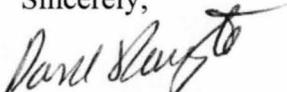
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The Justice Center, 9th Floor  
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RE: Richard Eberling

Dear Mr. Mason:

Please find enclosed a copy of the polygraph report from Feathers Detective Agency that we discussed in the above matter. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

  
David L. Doughten

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March 6, 1994

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

Dear Mr. Doughten:

On Thursday, March 3, 1994, at 10:22am, I met with one male: Richard G. Eberling; social security number [REDACTED] date of birth December 8, 1929, at the Cleveland Justice Center for the purpose of administering two specific polygraph examinations concerning:

A: The death of one Marilyn Sheppard around the weekend of July 4, 1954

B: A conversation allegedly heard by Eberling concerning one female, Ester Houk and one male, Dr. Samuel Sheppard

The instrument to be used for the polygraph examination is the four pen Stoelting Ultrascibe.

Prior to the actual polygraph examination, a demonstration test was administered to acquaint Eberling with the polygraph instrument.

In the pretest interview, Eberling stated he was born in the State of Ohio, graduated from Westlake High School in 1949 at the age of 18. Eberling stated that he attended Ohio State as a part time student. He started a window washing cleaning business with another friend named Dick Schilens. They worked out of Eberling's home located at: 3961 Brandy Road, Westlake, Ohio. Eberling stated that this is how he came in contact with the Sheppard family. He stated he had cleaned and replaced the storm windows at the home approximately four times. Eberling states that he charged \$7.00 for cleaning the outside window and \$30.00 for the storm windows. He stated that it took him from 30 to 45 minutes to complete the cleaning. Eberling drove a light blue Ford station wagon while he performed his duties. Dorothy Sheppard recommended our services to the family stated Eberling.

Eberling stated he had coffee with Marilyn on about seven occasions and once had a sweet roll with her. He only met Sam Sheppard one time. Eberling never had lunch, dinner nor was ever invited to any of the family functions.

For the report, Lenardio was Eberling's real name. Eberling has no military service, however he states he has traveled all over the world.

Eberling gave additional irrelevant information concerning his youth, his health and his hobbies.

Eberling states that in 1959, at Grafton Prison, he had taken a polygraph examination set up by Gerber and that he had passed the test despite what the Lakewood Police stated to others.

During the pretest interview, all formulated test questions were thoroughly reviewed with Eberling. Word terminology was also discussed to insure that this examiner and Eberling would be talking about the same subject.

Relevant formulated test questions for test one and their results are listed below:

33. Did you cause the death of Marilyn Sheppard during that July 4, weekend in 1954?  
Answer: No (truthful)
35. Regarding Marilyn Sheppard, did you cause her death?  
Answer: No (truthful)
37. Were you present when Marilyn Sheppard was struck on the head during that July 4, weekend in 1954?  
Answer: No (truthful)

At 12:28pm, Eberling requested and was given his normal lunch break. Eberling ate the following: rigatoni, veal cutlet, salad, banana, two pieces of white bread and a cup of orange Kool-Aid.

Three polygrams were administered. There are no indications of deception to any of the relevant formulated test questions concerning the death of Marilyn Sheppard.

Based on the investigative information made available to this examiner from Eberling, as well as other sources, along with Eberling's behavior and demeanor, prior to, during and after the examination, it is my professional opinion that Eberling did not cause, nor was he present during the death of one Marilyn Sheppard.

A second polygraph examination was then conducted in reference to Eberling's statements concerning a conversation he allegedly heard or overheard with Marilyn Sheppard, Ester Houk and Sam Sheppard.

Legal counsel representing Eberling is aware of all pertinent information and facts concerning the conversation and a written statement by Eberling was also made available to this examiner.

After a pretest interview, the following relevant formulated questions and their responses were asked on the second polygraph examination:

33: Did you really hear Ester Houk threaten Marilyn Sheppard around July 2, 1964.  
Answer: Yes (deceptive)

35: In the summer of 1960 did Sam Sheppard tell you personally, that he knew Ester Houk was the killer of his wife, Marilyn Sheppard?  
Answer: Yes (deceptive)

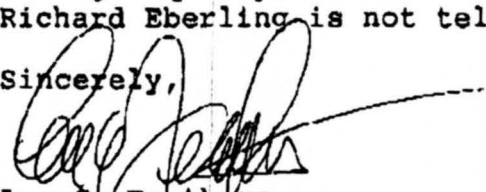
37: Did you tell Sam Sheppard, prior to the first trial, that you heard Ester Houk threatened Marilyn Sheppard.  
Answer: Yes. (deceptive)

Two polygrams were administered utilizing the above questions.

There are indications of deception to all the relevant formulated test questions asked of Eberling. The nature of these tracings leaves no doubt that Eberling did not tell the truth during the examination.

A post test interview was then conducted and based on evaluating his answers, his behavior and the inconsistency, this examiner, through my experience and education, feels very strongly that Richard Eberling is not telling the truth.

Sincerely,



Lee G. Feathers  
Polygraph Examiner