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## Defendant's Exhibit 203: Jay Hubach Statement

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The following is a statement of Sergeant Jay H. Hubach, age 38, residing 29020 Westwood, Bay Village, with reference to the investigation of the homicide of Marilyn Sheppard, age 31, married, address 28924 Lake Road Bay Village, Ohio

I am a duly appointed member of the Bay Village Ohio Police Department and am assigned to regular duty

I was called at my home at approximately 6:10 A. M. July 4, 1954 by Chief of Fire Department, Walter Koch to go to the Sheppard's home, that there was some kind of trouble there - it took me possibly ten minutes to arrive at the scene. Upon arrival I was met by Fireman Dick Sommers who said "get hold of yourself, it is Marilyn, she had been murdered" went immediately to the Lake Road entrance and upon entering door way was met by Mrs. Esther Hguk, who directed me through the kitchen to the stair way leading up stairs. Before I entered the kitchen noticed leather bag, contents of which were spread on the floor in the hallway near the doctor's study, proceeded up the stairs to the bedroom of the deceased. Upon entering the room I noticed four posted twin beds, the nearest one near the door way on which the body of Marilyn Sheppard was found, the head of the bed faces South and the foot of the bed faces North. I observed the body of Marilyn Sheppard which was lying on it's back about three feet from the head of the bed. the right arm was at her side and the left arm was across her stomach, her legs pertruded under cross bar of the bed, at the foot, the knees being bent over the edge of the mattress. I examined the body it had all appearances of being dead. Her forehead covered with multiply lacerations and clothed blood, her tongue was exposed and showed bleeding at the mouth. She had a checked blouse or shirt which was bunched up over her chest, and a sheet covered her lower extremities. At this time I observed the condition of her room which was not in disorder. I found wearing apparel consisting of two pair of shorts, one blue and one red, they were on the seat of a rocking chair, a white, beige, or tan shirt with rolled sleeves was hanging on the back of the chair. there was a round leather and chain belt on the back of the chair along with two sweaters, one of which I know to be a baby blue. On the floor I noticed I pair of shoes which were a light color loafer type, I also saw a brow on the chair along with the shorts. At this point I went out into the hall and started a search of the premises with the thought that someone might still be lurking around the premises. At this time I saw the Sheppard's child Samuel Jr. known as Chip lying on the bed. Continued search on into the basement and out into the yard by way of the living room. At this point noticed front door half way open and secretary desk which was against the North Wall of the living room, West of the door, this desk drawers were open and the top of the desk was in disorder, there were papers scattered on the floor. I continued out into the yard passing through the screen door which was standing open, I then proceeded down to the beach, followed close by a fireman Roland Callahan and Dick Sommers. Upon reaching the bottom of these stairs, I noticed that the waves were coming up to about within three feet of the retaining wall. ~~Where~~ At that time we did not observe any foot prints in the sand. There were two men on the pier to the East of the Sheppard home on which they were fishing, the waves were splashing against the pier. I came back up the stairs and entered by way of the front poarch at which time I first noticed water spots on the floor of the poarch just as you enter through the screen door, about four inches. I then went outside to make search for evidence on the outside of the house. I then started to canvas the neighborhood and then used the car radio and informed all surrounding suburbs to pick up any strangers who might be found on the highway.

Q When did you first examine Dr. Sam Sheppards wearing apparel

A After the clothing had been removed from the hospital and taken to our Station

Q Could you describe the clothing

A Yes, they consisted of a pair of Summer weight corded trousers, light color with seemingly tan stripe and a brown belt, these trousers were wet. The shoes were of the brown loafer type, shoes were water soaked, and white woolen sweat socks, which were also soaked. The under shorts are of a white with some sort of a print which showed a brown stain over the right hip

Q Is that all the wearing apparel you saw that belonged to Dr. Sam Sheppard

A Yes

Q Did you have any conversation with Dr. Sam Sheppard

A No

Q Have you had any conversation with him relative to the death of his wife  
A or any conversation concerning this crime

A Not in particular

Q Is there anything else you can tell us at this time

A Yes, we have made many interviews and taken a number of statement but unable to learn anything which would lead to the identity to the person or persons responsible for this crime

Have you read the two page statement and is it the truth

Yes.

Jay N. Hubach

WITNESSES:

L. H. Hubach  
Care L. Hubach  
Deputy