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Deputy Harvey Weitzel

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*John P. Eaton
Chief of Police
City of Bay Village, Ohio*

Sept 4, 1954

Joseph M. Sweeney, Sheriff
Cuyahoga County
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: Marilyn Sheppard - Homicide, City of Bay Village 7/4/54

Dear Sir:

At 2:45 P. M. on telephone call from Assistant Prosecutor John Mahon, of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, went to the home of Mr. Henry Maerlander of 351 Cornwall Drive, Rocky River, Ohio, on information that the son of Mr. Maerlander had found a golf club about three weeks ago in the vicinity of the Maerlander home, said club now at the Maerlander residence.

At 351 Cornwall Dr. Mr. Henry Maerlander Sr. turned over the below described club to the writer; stating that his 12 year old son Henry had brought it home about two or three weeks prior to September 4, 1954. Mrs. Henry Maerlander also informed the writer that this golf club had been laying under a fir tree in their front yard for the past several days, further that at the time their son found it, he was in company with another 12 year old boy, namely Carl Steiss of 19488 Beach Cliff Ave. Rocky River, Ohio, Henry Maerlander Jr. not home at time of this visit.

Then went to 19488 Beach Cliff, interviewed Carl Steiss, age 12, who stated that at about 2:45 P. M. Saturday August 28, 1954, while in company with Henry Maerlander Jr. and walking on a path through a vacant lot at the Northwest corner of Beach Cliff and Argyle Ave. Rocky River, Ohio he, Carl Steiss found golf club in question laying in the weeds along the South side of the path and about fifteen feet North of the sidewalk line of Beach Cliff Ave. Further that he had no use for the club and handed it to his companion Henry Maerlander Jr. who then took possession of the club and carried it to his home.

In company with Carl Steiss, and in the immediate neighborhood of the Steiss home, located Henry Maerlander Jr. and who verified information as given by Carl Steiss, both boys positive that they found this golf club at about 2:45 P. M. Saturday August 28, 1954, on which date they were filling in on a newspaper route for a friend who was out of the City.

Golf club in question is pretty well beaten up, both from the weather and from hard usage described as a putter iron with 29" wooden shaft wording on iron almost obliterated from rust and hard usage, however, under microscope it was possible to obtain following: Club patented in September of 1927 under trade name "Eddie Williams, Mild English Steel" Registration # 6182 B " Initials R.F. also appear on the bottom of the base of the blade.

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for identification purposes, the letter "H" was cut into the extreme top of the wooden shaft and at 5 P.M. same date, turned club over to Detective Joseph Keras, Badge #138 of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation of the Cleveland Ohio Police Department requesting it be checked for blood stains or other evidence in connection with the homicide of Marilyn Sheppard. Also for comparison with the deceased's golf clubs now in possession of the Cleveland Ohio Police Department.

Copies to Frank W. Story, Chief of Police, Cleveland, Ohio
John P. Eaton " " " City of Bay Village, O.
John Mahon, Assistant County Prosecutor
Carl Rossbach, Deputy Sheriff, Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Respectfully,

Original Signed by
H. G. WEITZEL

Harvey G. Weitzel, Deputy

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