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Following is a statement of Mrs. Eileen Huge, age 39, white, married, residing 133 Forest Blvd., Avon Lake, Ohio, reference to the Homicide of Marilyn Sheppard.

Eileen Huge: I am employed as an X-Ray Technician at Bay View Hospital, and on the morning of July 4, 1954, at 6:30 A.M. I was called to the hospital to X-Ray Dr. Samuel Sheppard. My husband Robert W. Huge, answered the telephone and informed me that Dr. Sam was hurt - they want you right away. I arrived at the hospital at 6:45 A.M. I immediately went to the Emergency Room and asked where the patient was, and Dr. Lerch said, that he was in Room 115 - I went to the X-Ray Room, unlocked the machine, prepared the X-Ray Room for the patient - Dr. Lerch came in the X-Ray Room with me, and he said "get yourself together and claim down" I asked him what had happened, and I believe he just said Dr. Sam was hurt - I asked him if it was an automobile accident and he said "no". He left the X-Ray Room and walked down the hall to the Wing, and I think I walked down to the Wing with him - we must have been half way down when Dr. Carver and Dr. Brill came out of Room 115, wheeling a cart. Dr. Lerch and I turned around and proceeded them. Again I asked him, I believe I said, what happened, I thought he was hurt, and Dr. Lerch said apparently someone got in their house - they have killed his wife beat Sam and threw him in the Lake. We all went in the X-Ray Room and they wheeled Dr. Sam in on this cart. The Interns moved him over on to the table on his back, they then proceeded to tell me what they wanted done. They ordered a skull series, a Cervical Spine, ribs, pelvis and then later Dr. R.A. Sheppard said we better get that jaw. I took, while the patient was on his back, two views of the skull, two views of the Cervical Spine, One view of the ribs and one view of the pelvis. In order to complete the skull series I had to turn the patient on his stomach so I asked the doctors if he could be turned - they came back in and spoke to Sam, told him they were going to turn him over - he was holding his neck, the doctors turned his body and I held his head. On turning Dr. Sam over I noticed a red mark on the left side of his neck, starting at the base of the skull. I took three more views of the skull in this position; one view of the jaws, then I spoke to the doctors, no one in particular, do you think I should twist his neck in order to get this lateral view of the jaws, and I believe It was Dr. Steve Shepard said "no, skip it!". Then turned him back over on his back, and the doctors asked me if I had finished with him, and I told them I have done everything, except the lateral view of the Cervical Spine. There was some discussion about sitting Dr. Sam up to take the lateral view and Dr. Dozier said "I think you can sit him up" and then he walked out of the room. There was some indication that Dr. Sam did not want to sit up, and one of the doctors said, can you take this film lying on a cart, I told them I would try to take it lying on the table as he was. I would have to cut the technique to compensate for the distance, which was about thirty inches, instead of the usual seventy-two inches. Dr. Sam was then put back on the cart and returned to his room. Dr. Carver had typed a card which we use to identify the films, and he came in to the dark room to help me develop them, and the doctors were anxious to view them. I completed my work and left the hospital at 8:30 A.M.

Q How long have you been employed at Bay View Hospital
A About seven months - I started the first week in January 1954

Q Do you have fixed hours of employment
A Yes, The X-Ray Department works from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a half hour for lunch, and there is one Technician on Emergency Calls at all times. We rotate these calls among three Technicians.

Q Were you on call July 3, 1954
A No, I was to go on call at 8: A.M. July 4, 1954 but when the Operator, I believe it was Mrs. Ward, when I came into the hospital, she said "She called me because she knew I could get there quicker than anyone else."
Q Are you required by rules of the hospital to record the time you report for duty
A Yes, we punch time cards on the second floor of the hospital upon reporting for work, for lunch, and leaving.

Q When you reported at the hospital on the morning of July 4, 1954, did you record the time you arrived at the hospital
A No, I did not take the time to go upstairs and punch my card, but there are others who can account for the time I arrived at the hospital. My time card was punched out at 8:30 a.m., but I inserted in it the time I arrived at the hospital 6:45 a.m.

Q In your statement you stated that they told you what they wanted done, whom do you mean by "they"
A Dr. Carver, Dr. Lerch, Dr. Brill and Dr. Dozier, there were none of Dr. Sam's brothers or his father in the room at that time. After the above named doctors had left the room Dr. R.A. Sheppard, Dr. Sam's father, came into the room and asked me what had been done, and he then said you better get that Mandible, meaning the jaws. I then proceeded the taking of the X-Rays.

Q After you completed the taking of the X-Rays, what did you do.
A I went to the Dark Room to develop them, and Dr. Carver came in and said that he would help me. After they were developed I and during the time they were being developed, several of the doctors walked in and asked how long it would be before they were ready.

Q What is generally done with these X-Rays after they have been developed.
A They are read by a Radiologist Dr. Flick, type written reports are sent to the doctors, and the films are filed as hospital records - they are hospital property, no one is permitted to remove them from the hospital, except upon written request, by a Doctor.

Q Do you know whether or not anyone else has taken X-Rays of Dr. Samuel Sheppard since July 4, 1954 or shortly after you had taken them
A Yes, Mr. William Kerner took some X-Rays Tuesday July 6, 1954

Q Can you explain just which X-Rays Mr. Kerner took on that date.
A I know he took a lateral view, I know he took one of a Cervical Spine and one of a facial bone. Those I know were taken, if there were any others taken I do not know.

Q What marks of identification do you use when taking and developing X-Rays of a patient.
A When taking X-Rays of a patient we use a right or left marker to identify the side, we also use an initial to identify the Technician - when developing the film we use a typewritten card with the patient's name, date, doctor and age, which is photographed on an unexposed corner of the film before we develop it.

Q During the time you have been employed at Bay View Hospital have you had considerable contact with Dr. Samuel Sheppard
A In a business way
A Yes

Q What was Dr. Samuel Sheppard's temperament and attitude in general.
A I would say he had a very even disposition, in fact I never heard him raise his voice or loose his temper.
Did you know Susan Hayes, who was employed at Bay View Hospital as Technician

Yes, she was there about one month after I started to work there. She was employed in the pathology lab, which is directly across from the X-Ray Lab. We were casual friends, having met at work.

Do you know why Susan Hayes left the employ of the Bay View Hospital?

Only what I heard her say to a group of us while having lunch at the hospital, she mentioned the hours were too long, and she was tired.

At the time you saw Dr. Sam Sheppard when you X-Rayed him how was he dressed?

He had on a white hospital gown, pair shorts and was covered with a sheet.

Did you have occasion to be in the room alone with Dr. Sheppard at any time, while taking the X-Rays?

Yes.

Did you have conversation with him?

No conversation, other than ask him to various things which the X-Rays require.

Did he converse with anyone else in your presence?

I heard Dr. Richard, his brother, and Dr. Richard his father and Dr. Steve, his brother, asking him various things, such as "What happened?" How was he, Dr. Richard, his brother said he had Chip at his house. I heard Steve ask him if he could tell them what race they were, if he could see anybody, some of the things he mumbles were things about the beach, then something or somebody hit me on the back of the neck.

Did you examine the back of his neck during the course of the X-Ray?

I didn't examine his neck, we do not make the examinations, but I did see his neck in turning him over and centering his head for X-Rays, I saw his neck.

What if anything did you see?

I saw a red mark on the back of his neck on the left side.

Who ordered the Pelvis X-Ray on Dr. Samuel Sheppard?

I believe that Dr. Dozier did.

Was there any objection on the part of Dr. Sam Sheppard on this X-Ray?

Something in effect that there was no reason for X-Ray of the Pelvis, he said his pain was all in his neck and in his chest.

Is there anything else you can tell us pertaining to this case?

No.

Have you read this statement and is it the truth?

Yes, this is true.

Signed: Eileen Hage

WITNESS:

Dave Yetha, Dep. Sheriff

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