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COMPLAINT REPORT
BAY POLICE DEPT.

Serial No. 54-194

Marilyn Sheppard Homocide

Location Drenton, New Jersey Nature of Complaint Confession of Homocide

Complainant's Name Dr. Stephen Sheppard Address Rocky River, Ohio

Received by JHHubach ~~Ketter~~
~~In Person~~ Time 12:15 A.M Date Sept. 10, 1954
Telephone

Officers Assigned JHHubach - FFDrenkhan - Reported to Cleveland Police - Capt. D. Kerr and also to Mr. John Mahon, Assistant County Prosecutor.

Details of Complaint Dr. Stephen Sheppard called stating that he had just returned from a trip to Trenton, New Jersey on a tip that he received (he did not reveal whereabouts of this tip) that a man in County Jail in Trenton, New Jersey had committed the homocide of Marilyn Sheppard.

Dr. S. Sheppard related that he talked to one Billy C. Williams, colored, about 27 years of age, 6'1" or 6'2", not heavily built but wirey.

This man is being held at present time awaiting extradition to Florida on a ~~Disposition~~ Federal charge of car theft. To be returned to Florida in a few days.

This man is a schizophrenic. He has periods of not knowing what he has done. This man states that he ~~is~~ the one who definitely killed Marylyn Sheppard but does not know anything about the house or its contents. He states that he would like to come back and reinact the crime.

Dr. Sheppards says that this man, befor he stole the car in Floida had gone into a strange home there and had climbed into bed with a white male and female and that the husband woke up and thought that this colored man was attempting to assault his wife and a fight ensued in which the colored man got th e better of the white male. Supposedly it was flight from this incident that prompted him to steal a doctors automobile and drive North with it. When the car was stopped by a highway patrolman, Williams escaped his custody, but a .32 Cal. revolver was found in car with considerable ammunition for same. Williams cannot recall this.

Dr. Sheppard relates that this man admits being in Cleveland area from

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Approved (Chief or Commanding Officer)

Signature of Investigating Officer

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~~Details of Complaint~~ around June 27th and remembers awakening on July 5th feeling as though he had had a going over and had cuts and abrasions on his body.

While in Cleveland he stayed at a number of peoples homes the names of which were not revealed to me by Dr. Sheppard. Dr. Sheppard further states that in talking to Williams he asked him if he had ever been in a fight with more than one person at a time and Williams states that he had and that he could

~~Disposition~~ account for himself when he was in one of his spells as far as fighting, that if there were more than three he was usually subdued.

This man was in the Army and was in under the name of Gene Williams. He was in trouble in the Army and was sent to Chillicothe, Ohio.

Dr. Stephen Sheppard asked this man how come he admitted this crime or what he had to gain by admitting it and the colored man stated that it had been bothering him and he wanted to get it off his chest.

Dr. Sheppard talked to custodian of jail and asked if he could see the property that was taken from Williams. He states that the only property he saw that was taken from Williams was a pair of eye brow pluckers. He thought that the Sheppard home might be checked to see if there were any of these pluckers missing with the thought that maybe the pair Williams has could be identified.

Reported this telephone conversation with Dr. Sheppard to Capt. David _____ who in turn told me to report it immediately to Asst. Prosecutor John Mahan which I did by phone.

JJHubach Sgt., FEDrenkhan, Pat.#1
Approved (Chief or Commanding Officer)

Signature of Investigating Officer