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Timetable From Eve of Slaying to Trial

The time: July 3. The place: The lake shore home of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard and his wife, Marilyn, 28924 West Lake Road, Bay Village. The event: Prelude to murder.

Neighbors Donald and Nancy Ahern ate that Saturday night dinner with the Sheppards and stayed to watch the midnight movie on television. It was entitled "Strange Holiday."

When the Aherns left about 12:30 a.m. the 30-year-old osteopathic surgeon, clad in T-shirt and trousers, was asleep on a living-room couch. His pretty 31-year-old wife let them out and was never again seen alive except by her murderer.

The Timetable

This is the timetable since that Fourth of July:

**JULY 4**—At 5:40 a.m. Mayor J. Spencer Houk and his wife, Esther, receive a call from Dr. Sam Sheppard—"My God, Spen, come over — I think they've killed Marilyn." The Houks find Dr. Sam without T-shirt, clutching his neck in apparent pain, his wife brutally murdered in her bed upstairs. She was four months pregnant. Dr. Sam's older brothers, Dr. Stephen A. and Dr. Richard N., confine him in the family-staffed Bay View Hospital. Searchers find Dr. Sam's watch and jewelry discarded in brush behind the house.

**JULY 5**—Dr. Sam, from hospital bed, gives the first description of a “bushy-haired” assailant to County Detective Carl A. Rossbach. All other visitors are barred. Family retains Attorneys Arthur E. Petersilge and William J. Corrigan. Coroner's autopsy discloses 35 separate injuries to the head and face of the murdered woman by a missing weapon. Search of the house reveals complete absence of fingerprints. One palm print is found.

**JULY 6**—Coroner Samuel R. Gerber is denied admittance to the hospital room to talk to Dr. Sam, who is fitted with an orthopedic collar. An earlier family announcement of a broken neck is modified to spinal damage.

**Marilyn's Funeral**

**JULY 7**—Dr. Sam is taken to Knollwood Mausoleum in Mayfield Heights for Marilyn's funeral. Rossbach is barred from the hospital room afterwards, but a stream of visitors, including Plain Dealer Reporter John G. Blair, gets in.

**JULY 8**—After threat of a public inquest Dr. Sam is questioned for three hours by Rossbach, Deputy Sheriff Dave Yettra and Bay Patrolman Fred Drenkhan. He refuses for the first time to take a lie detector test. He cannot account for his missing T-shirt. He posts a $10,000 reward for conviction of his wife's slayer. Cleveland Detective Inspector James E. McArthur asserts two detectives, Robert E. Schottke and Patrick Gareau, are given a "runaround" in being barred from the questioning.

**JULY 9**—Search of the lake bottom by divers for the missing weapon is abandoned. Bay police jail three itinerant tree trimmers for questioning. Dr. Sam revisits his home for the first time since the murder.

**Dr. Sam Questioned**

**JULY 10**—Dr. Sam is questioned in County Jail for nine hours without substantially changing his story, again refuses to take a lie detector test.

**JULY 11**—Investigators find bloodstains in the house and order the home closed to all except official visitors.

**JULY 12**—The Plain Dealer first names Miss Susan L. Hayes, 24, former Bay View Hospital technician, as the "other woman" in Dr. Sam's
AUG. 9—Dr. Gerber removes Dr. Samuel from California. She denies his life. In a telephone interview again and is revealed to be beginning to care for his patients. Dr. Samuel visited there in March.

JULY 13—Susan Hayes, attorney for Susan Hayes, tells reporters that Dr. Richard A. Weygandt studies the transcript to see whether an arrest of an accused would be taken at 10:15 p.m. at the home of his father, Dr. Richard A. His pleas are denied by Common Pleas Court. It is announced. Judge Frank J. Merrick.

JULY 15—Ennis story. "We don't have the thin of Common Pleas Court." "I deny Dr. Sam's statement, which had asserted our position."

JULY 16—Mayor Anthony J. Celebrezze proposes that Cleveland police be interviewed by physicians. He is who allegedly mailed vitriolic statements to the court, it is announced.

JULY 18—Mine detector turns up only rusty nails and other debris. Moritz, Western Reserve University crime analyst, enters the scene. He is who allegedly mailed vitriolic statements to the court, it is announced.

JULY 30—Dr. Randall J. Chapman and returns an indictment for a public inquest of jail.

AUG. 3—Police give up the search for the alleged assailant.

AUG. 5—County Prosecutor Schottke reveals Mayor Houk took a lie test. Houk denies Dr. Sam's bid for freedom. Houk returns, is man asserts he murdered Marilyn. The grand jury shortly before heard its last witness in the murder case.

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AUG. 15—Houk takes two lie tests and is cleared.

JULY 14—George Sheppard, Dr. Sam's six-year-old son.

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JULY 17—All investigating pilots and deputies.

JULY 20—Judge John J. Mahon as- sesses the case for bail.

JULY 25—Susan Corrigan Ejected trial despite the publicity given the case. "We don't have the thin of Common Pleas Court." "I deny Dr. Sam's statement, which had asserted our position."

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