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Supplementary Offense Report, November 11, 1954, Bay Village Police Department

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November 11, 1954 at 10:00 A.M. met Dr. Steve Sheppard, Dr. Richard Sheppard, Mrs. Dorothy Sheppard and David Phillips at the residence of Dr. Samuel Sheppard for the purpose of going into the home to get clothing, Lincoln automobile and shut off water to outside and check furnace.

Chief Eaton told them that they must stick together while in the house, because we had only one man to go in with them. They did this fairly well but at one particular time, I believe it was, Dr. Steve went outside of the house with Dave Phillips and Mrs. Dorothy Sheppard and Dr. Richard were in the house. Mrs. Sheppard smelled something that had a foul odor coming from South East corner of the kitchen. Smell seemed to be coming from general location of shelves on East side of kitchen. Mrs. Sheppard began to move things on the shelves of the cupboard in an endeavor to find odor. She also moved breadbox that was on shelf under cabinet, Dr. Richard started to go into the den and I stood in doorway so that it was possible to observe both parties. When I took step into kitchen I noted key on the floor behind wastebasket. I don't recall whether Mrs. Sheppard saw it first, or I saw it first or if it was simultaneously. At this time I do not recall if Dr. Richard observed this or not. I tried this key in the door to see if it fit and it did. Mrs. Sheppard may have observed this.

This offense is declared:

Unfounded  □  Signed ___________________________  Date ________________

Clear by arrest  □

Exceptionally cleared  □

Inactive (not cleared)  □

Signed ___________________________  Date ________________

Chief or Commanding Officer

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Additional Details of Offense, Progress of Investigation, etc.

There was no significance placed on this key because it was the first key, up to this time, that had been found to fit door. Original key that we used for locking door was made for us by lock-smith per chief.

I feel reasonably certain that this key was not in this location during early part of investigation because I as well as many others were in the locality of this key and I'm sure it would not have gone unobserved. I also am reasonably certain that I remember Detectives Elmer Ruble and Henry Dumbrowski moving this wastebasket out into center of kitchen when dumping testing equipment into it, so that if it had been under wastebasket it would have been detected.

This offense is declared:

Unfounded ☐
Signed JHUbach, Sgt. __________ Date __________

Red by arrest ☐
Investigating Officer

Exceptionally cleared ☐
Signed __________ Date __________

Inactive (not cleared) ☐
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