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POLICE DEPARTMENT

CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

DIST. ZONE Det. Bureau

Dec. 11th, 1954

EXAMINED BY L. J. K. R. RANK SA

FROM Patrick A. Garsen, Det., #1099 TO Harold Lockwood, Sergt.

SUBJECT Long-Distance Telephone Call to Mrs. DONNA BAILEY at Montebella, Los Angeles, Calif. in re: Homicide of MARYLYN SHEPPARD.

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Sir:

This date, at the request of Det. Sergt. Lockwood, made a long-distance telephone call to MRS. DONNA BAILEY, at Montebella, Los Angeles, California with reference to the Homicide of Marilyn Sheppard. Charges for this call will be paid by this Department. They amounted to \$4.50, and the call was made over No. 1-1260, Ext. 303. DONNA BAILEY's telephone # is Pacific 8-5813.

Interviewed Mrs Bailey with respect to a statement that she had made to me and Det. Schottke, in which she related that she had been a receptionist at the Sheppard Clinic at West 221st St., Fairview Park, Ohio and that during the course of her employment, she had intercepted a letter addressed to Dr. Sam Sheppard from Miss SUE HAYES. Mrs Bailey had stated that she had read some of this letter and then had discovered that it was a personal letter for there were some personal remarks therein. She further had stated that she had been afraid that Dr. Sam would not like her opening this letter and that she had her husband, Dr. Robert Bailey, intern at Bay View Hospital, inform Dr. Sam of her error. Mrs Bailey had stated that Dr. SAM had told her not to open any more letters of that nature.

DONNA BAILEY stated that apparently, Dr. Sam had told Marilyn of her opening this letter because she had invited Dr. Sam and Marilyn to her apartment of the 19th of April for a Birthday party. Mrs Bailey further stated that some time during the course of that evening, Dr. Sam went to the Clinic downstairs to attend a meeting and that MARYLYN SHEPPARD, in the presence of her husband(Donna Bailey's) told them that Sam was playing around and that Marilyn asked her Sam to procure one of the letters that Dr. Sam was receiving from Sue Hayes. MARYLYN further told her that SAM had hurt her all that he possibly could have and that she, Marilyn, was collecting evidence against him. Marilyn stated that she had suffered enough and that now she was going to sit back and watch Sam suffer and that she was going to drag his name through the mud and that she was going to ruin him professionally and financially and that letter, if Donna Bailey would give or get one for her, would help her. DONNA BAILEY stated that she told MARYLYN that she could not do that as she was an employee and as such, would not get a letter because she thought that it was unethical.

There were other conversation between them at this time that I do not recall her telling me at this time but the conversation was in the same vein.

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I requested DONNA BAILEY to write a letter, retelling all the details of this evening and also relating any other conversations that she may have had with Dr. SAM with reference to MARILYN. I further requested that she send this letter, special delivery, Air Mail to PROSECUTOR JOHN MAHON. I asked Mrs Bailey to confer with her family doctor, in order to determine if it is advisable for her to make a trip to Cleveland as a witness at the request of the County and she stated that she will consult him and indicate his answer in the above letter.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Garesu
Patrick A. Garesu, Det., #1099