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## Report, July 23, 1954, Cleveland Police Department

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*Cleveland Police Department*

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

CLEVELAND, OHIO

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July 23rd

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EXAMINED BY \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_

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FROM Arthur T. Fagel, Det. #333 TO David Kerr, Captain

SUBJECT Further investigation of the Homicide of Marilyn Sheppard in Bay Village on July 4.

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Sir:

At 7:30 AM this date, in company with Sgts O'Mally and Sgt. Lockwood et al, proceeded to 28924 Lake Road, the scene of the homicide of Marilyn Sheppard, which occurred on July 4, 1954.

At this time, assisted in searching the premises for additional evidence and to view the scene of the crime. Continued on this assignment until 11:30 AM, at which time in company with Det. Doran checked other assignments in connection with this case.

Went to the Dept. of Pathology, Western Reserve University, and interviewed Dr. Alan Moritz, Director of this Dept. He stated that yesterday, July 22, 1954, he interviewed a young couple from Bay Village, Ohio, who wish to remain anonymous at this time. They stated that they are in the same social set as Marilyn and Sam Sheppard. At any of their social affairs Sam Sheppard took every opportunity which presented itself to go into long discourses on sex and the sex failings and fears of women. This was always done in a mixed crowd, and if an attempt was made to change the subject by anyone, he would come back to it again. He did this so frequently that he became a bore, and was only tolerated by the group because of Marilyn Sheppard who was well liked and thought of by everyone.

Dr. Moritz further offered the information that a remark had been made while a group of doctors were discussing the Sheppard murder case, and one of the group stated that this wasn't the first time that Marilyn Sheppard had been beaten for he had been called to her home when Sam was not at home to treat her for injuries of a type unknown to Dr. Moritz at this time. Due to other assignments were unable to check this story thoroughly but have sufficient information to establish if this is a fact. This will be investigated tomorrow, July 24, 1954.

Went to the residence of MRS. HENRIETTA MUNN, West Hill Drive, Gates Mill, Ohio, paternal aunt of Marilyn Sheppard, and interviewed her and MRS. KEITH WIGGLE, 814 Lake St. Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, who was also an aunt of the victim.

MRS. HENRIETTA MUNN stated that she has known Sam Sheppard since they were school sweethearts, and at this date, she still holds a high regard for him. She has always thought them an ideal couple, but did know from correspondence with Marilyn who was in California, that she was having marital difficulties about Sam running around with other women. Marilyn later wrote and stated that she had been advised by members of the Sheppard family and it was patched up. Later in 1950, Mrs. Munn went to California, and stayed with Dr. and Mrs. CHAPMAN. At this time, Marilyn reassured her that the difficulties had been all straightened out. She further stated that during this visit, Sam Sheppard displayed the only action that might be construed as violent. They had a few drinks, but not enough to be intoxicated. Mrs. Munn started to hiccup, and Sam told her he could get rid of them. He then put his arm around her neck and squeezed, causing her to go unconscious. Mrs. Munn further stated that at the time the Sheppards had the fire in their home, Marilyn is supposed to have consulted an attorney about getting a divorce from Sam. She was advised by this unknown attorney that before action be initiated that she wait until the house was repaired and return to it and establish legal residence there. This was the last she heard it discussed.

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July 23rd 1954

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SUBJECT Marilyn Shep ard Investigation.

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Mrs. Munn further stated that in the early fall of 1953, August or September, Marilyn came to her home, and began telling her of her troubles with Sam. At this time, she broke down and cried, and told Mrs. Munn that Sam was running around with a nurse from Bayview Hospital. "He was staying out all night, and that on several occasions she called the hospital where he was supposed to be on emergency cases, and he was not there. At another time, Marilyn made the statement to Mrs. Munn, that "You wouldn't believe what I have to go thru, if I told you." At this time, Mrs. Munn did not press her for further explanations, but attempt to pacify her as to the usual difficulties of married life, and by doing this, did not learn the specific details of this remark.

Mrs. Munn further stated that when Marilyn returned from her trip with Sam to California, this Spring, in the course of the discussion of the trip, Marilyn stated that while at Dr. Chapman's ranch, Dr. Chapman and Sam were discussing going into procreation together, and Mrs. Jo Chapman came into the room, and with no provocation became very incensed and ordered Marilyn and Sam out of the house and told them never to return. Marilyn was very disturbed and bewildered about the reason for this action and could not fathom the reason.

Interviewed MRS. KATH ~~WIEGLE~~ WIEGLE, who stated that she believes that Sam at one time was having an affair with a DOLLY HUDDLESTON who lived in the same court that Sam and Marilyn did. She was supposed to be married to a Medical Intern. She further stated that about two years ago, while cleaning her attic she found some Indian relics and toys which she gave to Chip Sheppard for the boy like Indian mementos and toys. He seemed to prize these highly. One was a Indian squaw with a rapsode, one a beaded lizard necklace, and a stone tomahawk. The tomahawk was described by her as having a stone head about two and half inches wide and four inches long, and was attached to the wooden handle by leather thongs. She can't recall when she saw this last, but Chip never made mention of losing it to her.

Mrs. Weigle, Sr. further stated in the fall of 1953, she offered Sam and Marilyn an antique table from her cottage in Mentor on the Lake. One evening Sam drove up which was around 9 or 10 PM. He came to pick up the table and was accompanied by a woman who he explained was a nurse from Bayview and that they were in Youngstown and were on their way back to the hospital. Mrs. Weigle does not know the name of this woman, but she made a telephone from her phone to Hotel Cleveland to her brother to inform him she was going to be late for their appointment. Telephone number this was made from was Mentor 7-7729. From photos of "Lue" Hayes in the papers, Mrs. Weigle states she does not look like the girl.

Mrs. Weigle further stated Marilyn stated to her after her return from California this year, that the day they arrived in Los Angeles, Sam went right to the Hospital and was in surgery all night.

From information received from Mrs. Munn and Mrs. Weigle, a PHILLIS WIEGLE, daughter of Mrs. Weigle, is supposed to have information concerning confidences Marilyn gave her concerning her intimate relations with Sam. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PURSUE THIS FURTHER BUT WILL INTERVIEW HER TOMORROW, JULY 24, 1954.

Respectfully, \_\_\_\_\_ D. T. #333