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DOCTOR TO HELP HUNT WEAPON
ON HIS WAY to the home of his father after being discharged from Bay View Hospital is Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, husband of the bludgeoned Bay Village housewife, Marilyn R. Sheppard. Patrolman Cy Lipaj is pushing the wheelchair.
SAYS HE CAN'T RECALL WEARING T-SHIRT; DOG IS NOT 'BARKING' KIND

'As Much in Dark as Ever,' Deputy Sheriff Says After Three-Hour Quiz: Physician to Re-enact Events of Death Night at Home Today; Offers $10,000 for Killers

BY PAT GARLING AND JOHN G. BLAIR

Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard will return today to his Bay Village home to re-enact events connected with the savage killing of his pretty wife, Marilyn.

The handsome osteopath late yesterday told investigators he would join in the search for the weapon used to hack his wife to death just before dawn July 4.

Dr. Sheppard said he had no idea what the weapon could be until he visited the house and determined if anything was missing.

Emerging from 'Dr. Sam's' room at Bay View Hospital late yesterday after three hours questioning the injured doctor, Deputy Sheriff Carl A. Rosbach said: 'We're as much in the dark as we were before.'

Squabble Develops

Rossbach, Deputy Sheriff Dave Yettra and Bay Village Patrolman Fred Drenkhan had gained admission to the room after a morning-long squabble between Coroner Samuel R. Gerber and William J. Corrigan, Cleveland criminal lawyer.

During the morning Dr. Sheppard had issued a written statement proclaiming "I have lived an honorable life" and posting a reward of $10,000 "for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of my wife."

The trio of investigators sought to learn additional details about the bizarre case and resolve unanswered questions. They took their notes in longhand.

Tells of Dog, T-Shirt

Dr. Sheppard told Rosbach that he did not remember wearing a T-shirt on the night his wife was chopped 25 times in the face and head.

The whereabouts of a T-shirt, which friends of the Sheppards said was worn by the doctor earlier in the evening, has been a major question in the case.

Asked if the family dog, Koko, had barked during the beatings and Dr. Sheppard's chase of intruders, down to the beach behind the house, the doctor said the pet was not a barking dog.

Quizzing to Continue

Rossbach said Dr. Sheppard would be questioned further as the investigation continued. He said Dr. Sheppard gave his answers freely and broke down several times during the questioning.

In the questioning Dr. Sheppard revealed he had felt his wife's pulse twice after finding her dead body on a twin bed in the couple's bedroom.

Rossbach said Dr. Sheppard told him he covered his wife's body with a sheet, because she was a modest person, the doctor explained.

The doctor told the probers that he was "almost sure" the intruder he saw was white because the man had bushy hair.

Rosbach said the osteopathic neurosurgeon could add nothing more to the meager description he gave before of the assailant. Dr. Sheppard told Rosbach that he could not account for (Continued on Page 8, Column 2)
muder scene last night, but said Dr. Richard A. Sheppard, father of the three doctor sons, advised against this.

Takm to Father's House
Soon after the quiz session ended Dr. Sheppard was taken to his father's home, a chair, pushed by Patrolman Cy Lipp of Bay Village.

In Dr. Stephen Sheppard's living room a fingerprint expert obtained Dr. Sheppard's palm print to compare with one found on a desk in the living room of his home.

The palm prints of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ahern, 2945 West Lake Road, were also obtained. The couple were dinner guests at the Sheppard home the night of the murder.

Chip Interviewed
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"INFORMAL QUESTIONING" of several principals in the Sheppard murder case was shifted yesterday to the office of Assistant County Prosecutor John J. Mahon. At right is Bay Village Mayor J. Spencer Houk, one of those interviewed. Mrs. Thomas S. Reese, stepmother of the victim, Marilyn R. Sheppard, is shown at the left leaving Mahon's office. With her is Sheriff Joseph M. Sweeney.