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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

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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.

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 Carl Yetta and Bay Village Patrolman Fred Drenkhan had gained admittance 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 on Twin Bed

Rosbach 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 body and once again before her burial.

Rosbach 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 probes 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 7)
Detectives Patrick A. Gareau and Robert Schottke and a retinue of photographers and reporters trailing, they headed for Dr. Samuel Sheppard's room.

The coroner and investigators, with Dr. Stephen Sheppard, entered the room. Five minutes later Corrigan and Arthur E. Petersilge, Sheppard family lawyer, joined them. Within 30 minutes Dr. Gerber and company left the room, leaving only Corrigan and Petersilge with the injured ophthalmist.

Dr. Gerber was visibly angry. Five minutes later he handed Rosbach a paper and said: "Perishwith." It was a subpoena for Dr. Samuel Sheppard to appear at a coroner's inquest.

Hold Conference

Rosbach and Gerber marched back to the room and entered. The deputy came out and said the serving was being held up, but Gerber later said the subpoena was served and then taken back.

A conference between the coroner and Corrigan, Petersilge and Dr. Samuel Sheppard was convened. Shortly before 11 p.m. Gerber, Corrigan and Petersilge came out of the room.

Corrigan handed out typewritten statements bearing the signature of "Sam H. Sheppard." In it the doctor said he had never refused to talk to authorities and had given them all the information he had.

"Honorable Life"

He said restrictions on questioning had not been made by him but by doctors attending him.

"I have lived an honorable life," he said. "I have, with my family, authorized my attorneys to post a reward of $10,000 for the arrest and conviction of the murderers of my wife."

Corrigan then told reporters Dr. Sheppard had said that he wanted to talk to the police, but that his attorneys requested that they be present while any conversation went on, between the doctor and police.

Corrigan reiterated that he had been allowed to question Dr. Sheppard without the lawyers listening in. Corrigan related, Dr. Sheppard then said it would be all right with him as long as someone he knew was present.

Head Causes Stir

Policemen and lawyers, compromised by including Patrolman Fred Drenkhan of Bay Village in the question, Dr. Gerber said Sheppard had told him he was going to go anywhere where the police wished him to go.

During the day a flesn-crawling episode caused a momentary flurry of excitement. Wrapped in newspapers, a human head with some flesh on it and parts of several human skulls were found in the Sheppard garage.

Dr. Gerber said they appeared to be anatomical specimens used for study and research. The parts were cross sections cut to show certain areas. The coroner said. Nevertheless, he had them taken to the morgue for study.

Doctor Will Help in Hunt for Death Weapon Today

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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.