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# No Stone Unturned in Bay Hunt

Men peer into microscopes, turn ultra-violet rays into tiny objects, go over a floor on

hands and knees. . . .

Day and night, detective teams tirelessly question friends, neighbors, relatives, tradesmen, casual acquaintances, Bay View Hospital employees, former patients. . . .

This is the "other side" of the Marilyn Sheppard murder investigation — the painstaking, tedious job being done by usually anonymous experts while top police brass and law enforcement officials argue whether to arrest Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard as the chief suspect in the brutal July 4 slaying.

Detective Chief James McArthur said today that Cleveland police are fulfilling the plea of Thomas Reese, father of the murdered Marilyn, to "leave no stone unturned" in their quest for the savage killer.

While the primary fact of the investigation remains that there is no physical evidence of anyone else having been in the home at 28924 Lake Rd. at the moment of murder other than Dr. Sam and his sleeping son, Chip, the possibility of an intruder or burglar committing the crime has not been discarded.

## Check Other Theories

Two theories being checked out were advanced by William Corrigan, Dr. Sam's attorney. These theories point the finger of suspicion at a friend of Dr. Sam's and a relative of Marilyn's. Nothing has been found to support these hypotheses.

"We're going into every tip and possibility received from any source," McArthur said. "We're going over every inch of the murder home and grounds, time after time, trying to find the missing murder weapon, the missing T-shirt, or anything else that will help solve the mystery."

Technical experts from the

Cleveland crime laboratory have gone over the osteopath's home a dozen times with thousands of dollars' worth of scientific equipment.

## Blood in Kitchen

Today's discovery was a few blood spots on the kitchen baseboard. Did the killer wash Marilyn's blood off his hands in the kitchen sink?

Tonight, investigators will try a new technique to determine if there are any blood stains on the red flowers in the Sheppard carpeting. After dark, they'll turn fluorescent lamps on the rug's red coloration.

This afternoon, Mrs. Elnora Helms, part-time maid for the Sheppards, was brought back to the home to see if she could recall anything that might be missing.

Police are particularly interested in the fact that there was no lamp in the murder bedroom on the telephone night stand between the twin beds once slept in by Sam and Marilyn. There was a clock and a pad and pencil, but no light that could easily be flicked on by a doctor who received night calls.

Mrs. Sheppard's golf clubs are still being checked to pin down whether or not one is missing.

## Check Other Cities

A special file has been set up on the case in the Homicide Squad office on the third floor at Central Police Station. Into it goes every bit of information obtained by the investigators, a report on every conversation with hundreds of people who knew the Sheppards.

The inquiry isn't limited to the Cleveland area. Police in other cities, where the Sheppards visited or had friends, are working on the case and submitting constant reports.