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Here Is Sequence of Events In Sheppard Murder Case

Here is the timetable of events in the Marilyn Sheppard murder case beginning with her slaying and leading to the arrest of her husband on a first-degree murder charge:

JULY 4: Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard viciously bludgeoned to death in home at 28924 West Lake Rd., Bay Village while husband, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard said he slept on couch on first floor—Dr. Sam tells of grappling with mysterious intruder and "coming to" in Lake Erie.

JULY 5: Reveal Dr. Sam's white T-shirt missing. Chips from human teeth found under Mrs. Sheppard's battered body . . . husband under sedatives at Bay View Hospital and unavailable for questioning.

JULY 6: Husband's trousers being examined for bloodstains . . .

Coroner Samuel R. Gerber discloses Dr. Sam said it was "too dark" to get a good look at slayer and the man he says attacked him outside wife's bedroom door. Attorney William J. Corrigan retained as "legal advisor" to husband.

JULY 7: Mrs. Sheppard buried in Knollwood Cemetery . . . Dr. Gerber demands Dr. Sam be made available for questioning.

JULY 8: Dr. Sam questioned after coroner serves subpoena, describes wife's slayer and his attacker as "bushy haired" man wearing white shirt. Along with members of his family, he offers \$10,000 reward "for arrest and

conviction of murderers of my wife."

JULY 9: "I was in love with my wife and she was in love with me," Dr. Sam tells News Reporter Severino P. Severino in exclusive interview . . . declines to submit to lie detector test.

JULY 10: Dr. Sam taken to County Jail for renewed questioning after County Detective Carl Rossbach says his account of the slaying is "not satisfactory."

JULY 11: Dr. Sam again refuses to take lie detector test and says his position on the matter is "final."

JULY 12: Theory advanced that maniac committed murder after all tangible clues collapse. Dr. Gerber and Detective Rossbach virtually rule out "casual burglar" or prowler as murderer because of unusual violence of crime.

JULY 13: "Other woman" angle enters investigation after disclosure Dr. Sam gave watch to Miss Susan Hayes, 24, former medical technician at Bay View Hospital, when he visited her in California last March. Watch was to replace one she lost while the two were attending a wedding.

JULY 14: T-shirt similar to Dr. Sam's missing one found in lake near Sheppard home but proves of no value.

JULY 15: Mrs. Jessie Dill of Painesville tells of meeting woman she thinks was Mrs. Sheppard on Beach at Fairport in June . . . said Woman told her she tried to get divorce in California four years ago "but my husband's relatives talked me out of it."

JULY 16: Dr. Alan R. Moritz of Western Reserve University, nationally famed "crime doctor," steps into investigation in an advisory capacity after open letter "invitation" published in The News . . . jewelry purchases by Dr. Sam being checked.

JULY 18: Army mine detector brought here to aid in search of lake and grounds of Sheppard home for murder weapon.

JULY 19: Investigation lags, spotlight turned on corduroy jacket found neatly folded on couch on which Dr. Sam said he slept.

JULY 20: Dr. Gerber reveals that osteopath balks at talking to Dr. Moritz.

JULY 21: Dr. Gerber orders formal inquest . . . says Dr. Sam rejects proposal of Dr. Moritz to undergo "truth serum" tests.

JULY 22: Dr. Sam testifies at inquest . . . tells of seeing phantom-like bushy haired intruder bending over wife's battered body and then of being attacked himself.

JULY 23: Husband of victim denies any romantic interest in another woman . . . angrily denies tryst with Susan Hayes while on West Coast visit.

JULY 24: Signed statements by Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller contradict statements of behavior and relationship between Dr. Sam and Miss Hayes while the two were house guests of the Millers in Los Angeles.

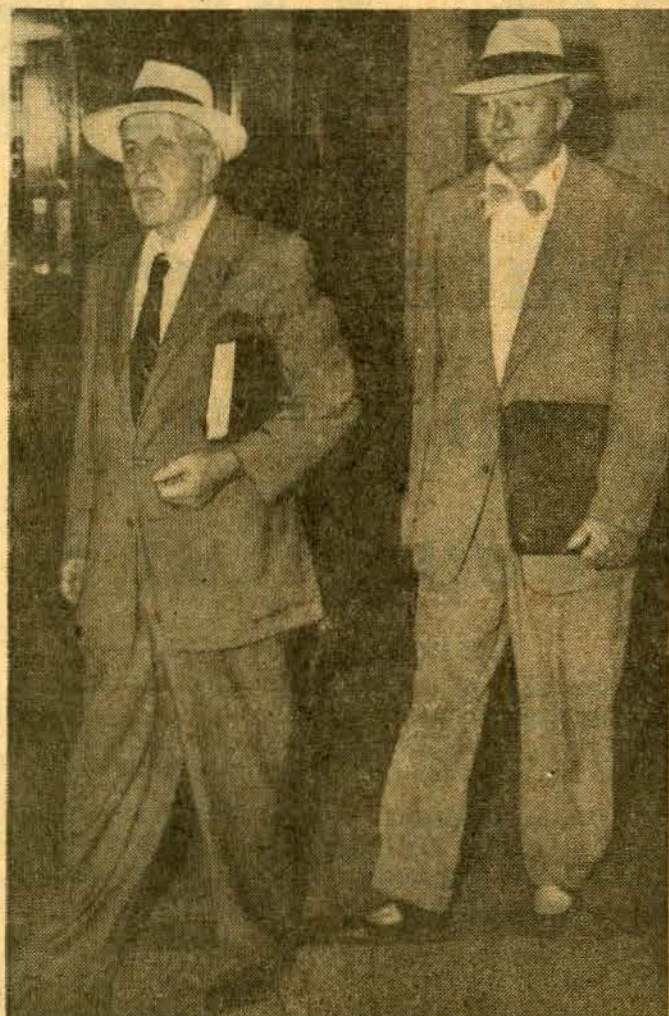
JULY 25: Mrs. Richard A. Sheppard reveals her daughter-in-law didn't have good time on western trip, "because she thought Sam had affairs with other women."

JULY 26: Attorney Corrigan ejected from inquest session at Bay Village school . . . inquest indefinitely recessed.

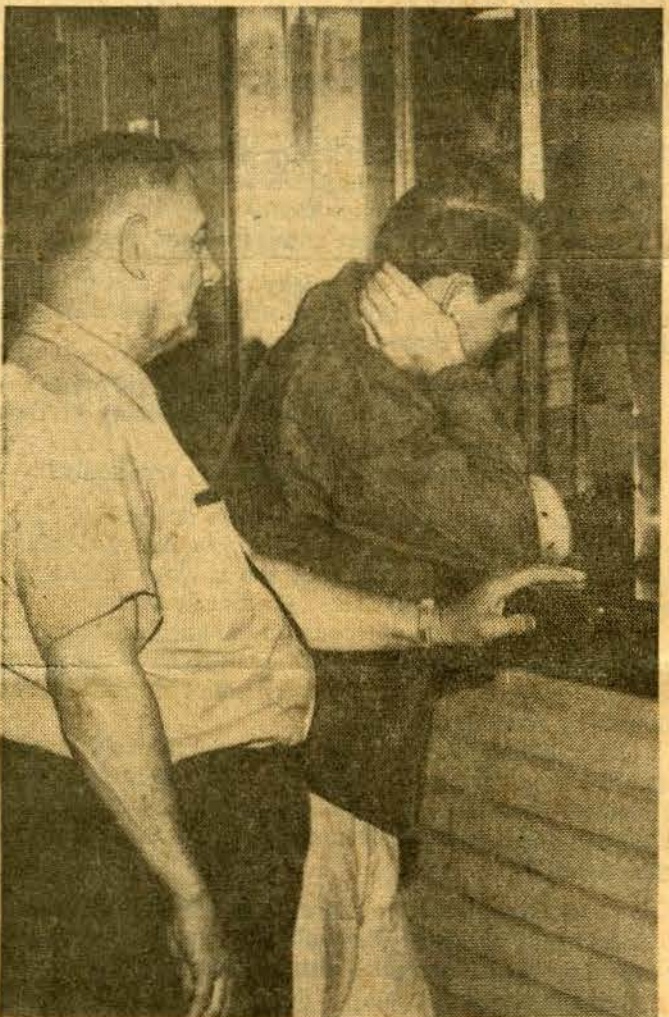
JULY 27: Susan Hayes agrees to fly to Cleveland to aid in investigation . . . Dr. Gerber secretly questions Sheppard's son "Chip" at County Morgue.

JULY 29: Bay Village officials given complete authority and initiative to act on possible arrest of Dr. Sam, who had been termed No. 1 suspect by Cleveland police.

JULY 30: Dr. Sam arrested for first-degree murder . . . denies guilt and hearing scheduled for Aug. 7.



William J. Corrigan (left) and Arthur E. Petersilge, attorneys for Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, appear at County Jail to confer with their client.



Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard holds his neck in apparent pain while waiting to be booked at County Jail. Watching is Joseph Yusko, chief night jailer.