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Sixth Woman Is Linked in Doctor Quiz

A sixth "other woman" in the past of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard today entered the investigation of the July 4 murder of his Sunday school teacher wife, Marilyn.

The new feminine companion of the married osteopath was identified only as "Sandy."

Dr. and Mrs. George L. Hampton of Pasadena, Calif., told Pasadena detectives that Dr. Sam had brought "Sandy" to dinner with him at their home in 1949.

The Hamptons said they were "good friends" of both Sam and Marilyn Sheppard, having dined together with them at least 15 times between 1945 and 1951.

It was in 1945—while Dr. Sam was an intern in Los Angeles—that he married Marilyn, his high school sweetheart. They left Los Angeles five years later after she had apparently been dissuaded from seeking a divorce.

Mrs. Hampton said Dr. Sheppard introduced his companion only as "Sandy," and described her as "a friend of Marilyn's from Cleveland" who was looking for a job on the West Coast.

Newest in Catalog

During the many visits of the Sheppards to her home, Mrs. Hampton recalled, Sam and Marilyn frequently engaged in heated arguments.

"He took exceptions to a lot of her statements," she told the Pasadena detectives, "and there were some lively discussions. Marilyn always finally acceded to his position."

Mrs. Hampton said Dr. Sheppard referred to the Hamptons as "my California parents." They were able to definitely place most of his visits, she said, because they were entered in a guest book which Dr. Sam had given them as a present.

Cleveland investigators said "Sandy" was a new name in the catalog of Dr. Sam's past women companions.

At least two of the five "other women" definitely placed in his recent past have agreed to

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testify to their friendship with him.

They are Miss Susan Hayes, former laboratory technician at Bay View Hospital, and Mrs. Julee Lossman, a former patient who credits Dr. Sam with saving her life.

Police Chief Frank W. Story disclosed that a determined effort by the homicide squad to "find another suspect" in the Marilyn Reese Sheppard murder inquiry has failed.

He said the investigation task force is convinced that "the right man is in jail"—meaning Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, charged with the slaying.

Story's comment was in reply to an accusation by Attorney William J. Corrigan that the police had "started out with the theory that Sam is guilty, and devoted all their efforts to trying to prove it."

Corrigan said police have not "checked out" several theories advanced by the Sheppard family and the five-lawyer defense team which point to other suspects.

Cleared, Says Chief

The attorney hinted that the defense may have hired a private investigator to help solve the baffling mystery.

"I won't tell you if I've hired one," he said, adding that he wasn't denying it, either.

Story said a dozen or more possible suspects, including transients who had been passing through Bay Village on the holiday morning, had been thoroughly investigated.

Preliminary checking indicated that only one other suspect—a friend of Dr. Sam's—should be "seriously considered," the chief continued.

And this man, Story said, was "absolutely cleared" by a careful investigation.

Story said two witnesses who have appeared in earlier phases of the case would be re-questioned today by homicide detectives.

"At the moment," he said, "their testimony would not lead to another suspect."

Prosecution and defense prepared today for Lakeside Courthouse arguments at 10:15 a. m. tomorrow on Corrigan's contention that Dr. Sam could not receive a fair preliminary hearing in Bay Village Mayor's Court.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the issue was created by the refusal of a justice of the peace to sign a warrant for Dr. Sheppard's arrest.

Bay Village Law Director Richard S. Weygandt, Mayor J. Spencer Houk and Police Chief Eaton asked Justice of the Peace Stewart Saunderson

to sign the warrant.

Saunderson refused, Weygandt said, because he "had an opinion" on the case.

It was pointed out that the warrant would be based on an affidavit signed by Chief Eaton, stating there was "probable cause" for the arrest—not on the magistrate's views.

Saunderson, a City Products Co. employee, has been justice of the peace since last January. He is not a lawyer. He holds court Friday evenings, handling mostly minor civil cases. His pay is based entirely on fees.

Houk Offers to Sign

When Saunderson refused to sign the warrant, Weygandt said, Houk offered to do so—despite the fact that he is a close friend of Dr. Sam.

"But I advised him not to, since he would undoubtedly be a witness in the case," Weygandt said.

That's why the warrant was signed by Bay Village Council President Gershom M. M. Barber—who, Corrigan charges, is "biased and prejudiced"

against Dr. Sam.

Common Pleas Judge Frank J. Merrick ordered Dr. Sheppard brought to his courtroom for the hearing. Merrick will decide whether the preliminary hearing should be held before Barber, or transferred to another suburban mayor's court or the Cleveland Municipal Court.

Limited Evidence

The prosecution is required to present only enough evidence to justify holding a defendant for the Grand Jury at a preliminary hearing.

Assistant Prosecutor John J. Mahon said he had "never heard" of another instance in which a justice of the peace refused a police chief's request for an arrest warrant. "But he has that discretion," he added.

Corrigan discounted a re-enactment by Homicide Capt. David Kerr and Coroner Samuel R. Gerber of Dr. Sheppard's account of how he was dozing on a downstairs couch, heard Marilyn cry out, and ran upstairs to see an intruder beat-

ing her to death.

Kerr and Dr. Gerber contend that their re-enactment proved the 30-year-old osteopath's account "impossible."

Wrench Considered

"Gerber should have knocked Kerr out with a club when he got to the top of the stairs," Corrigan said, "and then observed what a dazed man would do under those circumstances."

"Our contention," Story replied, "is that the re-enactment proves that Dr. Sheppard could have gone up the stairs and prevented the murder entirely if his version is correct."

Story said a chrome-plated wrench used on orthopedic braces is "under consideration" as the possible murder weapon. He said the missing death tool is probably in Lake Erie.

The killer, Story said, probably washed the blood off his hands and clothes in the lake.

Stains on Shorts

Dr. Gerber disclosed that several bloodstains were found on

the undershorts worn by Dr. Sheppard on the murder morning. These, he said, corresponded to blood streaks on the tan trousers worn by the osteopath when he reported his wife's death.

Corrigan, who obtained a three-day delay in the hearing on Barber's "prejudice" to subpoena witnesses, obtained summonses for seven persons—three newspaper reporters, George Serb, Councilman Clifton Gielow, and two other Bay Village residents.

Serb, who operates a filling station near Bay View Hospital, was the only councilman who opposed turning the Sheppard murder investigation over to the Cleveland Police Department.

Reporters subpoenaed were Leah Jacoby of The Press and James Flanagan and John Fisher of the News.

The others called are Robert Swanker of 537 Cahoon Rd., a Standard Oil engineer, and C. T. Brennan of 29618 Foote Rd., a manufacturers' representative.