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HOLD DETROIT NURSE IN SHEPPARD PROBE

'Margo' Denies Friendship With Doctor

BY HOWARD BEAUFIT

An attractive brunet nurse was picked up by police in Detroit late today in the search for "other women" in the life of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard.

The 32-year-old woman was identified as Mrs. Margo Pebbles who formerly worked as a nurse in Los Angeles when the Bay Village osteopath was there studying for his surgical degree.

Deputy Inspector James E. McArthur, acting on information received in Cleveland, had asked Los Angeles police to locate "Margo" and question her about her association with Dr. Sam.

The California officers learned she had recently moved to Detroit. They so informed McArthur, who then enlisted the aid of Michigan authorities in tracing the woman.

Mrs. Pebbles, according to Detroit police, denied associating with Dr. Sheppard at any time. She said she worked for an osteopath in Los Angeles as a nurse.

Homicide Detective Peter Becker flew to Detroit late this afternoon to question the latest woman to pop up in the stormy marital affairs of Dr. Sheppard.

Police said they have now located and identified four of the five "other women" in the life of the handsome osteopath. One remaining unidentified was a young woman seen by a former Bay Village policeman with Dr. Sheppard parked in the doctor's car.

Described as "Luscious"

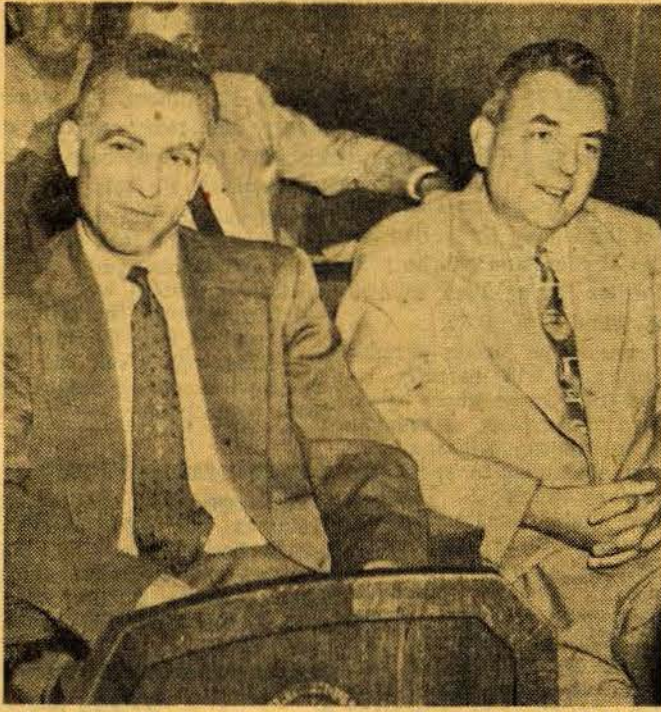
Mrs. Pebbles, wearing a white cashmere sweater when she was picked up, was described as "a luscious brunet" by Detroit police.

Inspector McArthur revealed that Mayor J. Spencer Houk of Bay Village had made a new statement containing details of other affairs indulged in by his friend, Dr. Sheppard.

The inspector said, however, that the mayor's latest statement contributed nothing toward a solution to the brutal murder of Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard.

DR. SAM SHEPPARD'S personal physicians examined him at County Jail and pronounced him now in good physical condition, recovering from injuries he said were inflicted by his wife's slayer.

PRELIMINARY hearing for Dr. Sheppard in Bay Village on a first degree murder warrant was postponed until Monday at
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Gersham M. Barber, Bay council president (left), and Bay Mayor J. Spencer Houk at Court of Appeals hearing on writ to free Dr. Sam H. Sheppard.



Dr. Stephen Sheppard (left) and Dr. Charles Elkins at County Jail, where the two examined Dr. Sam Sheppard.

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9 a. m. in the Court of Appeals, where a writ of injunction against the hearing is being argued.

Mayor Houk, questioned twice before by police, once under a lie detector, added considerably to his original statement detectives said, particularly about the women the Bay Village osteopath was described as "playing around with" in the western suburb.

Mrs. Esther Houk, wife of the mayor, accompanied her husband to McArthur's office in police headquarters, but was reported in such a highly emotional state she could add nothing to her original statement.

Investigators said that Houk's statement reveals some of the social and nocturnal activity of a "gay set" in Bay Village to which Dr. Sam and his wife belonged.

First to Reach Home

Mayor Houk was the first outsider to arrive at the Sheppard home, 28924 West Lake Rd., the morning of July 4 in response to a call from Dr. Sheppard that advised him to "come quick—they've killed Marilyn."

McArthur said that Houk added nothing to his story of what he saw or did that fateful morning in the Sheppard home.

Mayor Houk was angry at published reports that he had told police about the "gay set" in his suburb. He said:

"I have revealed nothing new of value to police. I revealed no further information relative to the gay set. I did not talk to Inspector McArthur."

It was believed that Mayor Houk's latest statement added new names to the list of five "other women" in the life of the handsome osteopath.

Lab Experts Finished

McArthur announced that police laboratory and scientific experts were now finished with their examination of the Sheppard home. He said the complete trail of blood spots around the house indicated that "somebody ran around after the murder like a chicken with his head cut off, undecided what to do with his bloody clothing, the weapon and himself."

Dr. Sheppard was examined in his jail cell by his brother, Dr. Stephen Sheppard and Dr. Charles Elkins, who found him to be in good physical condition.

"As the result of this examination," said Dr. Elkins, "my opinion has not been altered that he was injured in the neck region. He is now recovering from the injury."

As police settled down to routine checks and putting together circumstantial evidence for presentation to the County Grand jury, Dr. Sheppard's attorneys moved into the Court of Appeals in an effort to prevent his arraignment on a first degree murder charge Monday before Council President Gershom M. M. Barber of Bay.

Attorneys Arthur E. Peterzilge and Timothy McMahon challenged the authority of Barber to lay aside his legislative powers and act in a judicial capacity in a murder case.

Bay Village Law Director Richard S. Weygandt charged the defense attorneys with "an evasive attempt which should not be tolerated by this court."

Case Under Advisement

The three Appeals judges, Joy Seth Hurd, Julius M. Kovachy and Oscar Hunsicker of Akron, took the case under advisement.

Weygandt told the court the preliminary hearing, set for Saturday afternoon, had been postponed until Monday morning.

County Prosecutor Frank T. Cullitan charged defense attorneys with using "legal roadblocks" and threatened to take the murder case directly to the grand jury.