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A 20-year-old admirer of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard yesterday refused to take a lie detector test to back up his story about a possible new suspect in the Marilyn Sheppard murder.

Gervase M. (Gerry) Flick, an osteopathy student, was asked three times by Deputy Inspector James E. McArthur to take the polygraph test but refused.

"We cannot attach any significance to his story whatever," McArthur said.

Flick left Central Police Station after being questioned by detectives.

Tells of Hitch-Hiker

The youth had told police that on July 4—the morning of which Mrs. Sheppard was found brutally hacked to death in her home, 28924 West Lake Road, Bay Village—he was driving to Erie, Pa. He said that he picked up a well-dressed hitch-hiker near Conneaut and that the man discussed the Sheppard killing with him. Flick let the man off in Erie, where the hiker was going to get a train to New York. Flick concluded that the man was the murderer since he had knowledge of the killing before any widespread reports had been made in newspapers or on the radio or television.

Waits Until Aug.

McArthur pointed out that Flick had waited until Aug., Friday—to come forward with his tale.

Flick visited Dr. Sam in his Cuyahoga County Jail cell Friday afternoon and later talked to members of the Sheppard family before going to see McArthur. He said he came to the police at the suggestion of William J. Corrigan, one of Dr. Sam's lawyers.

"He is either an individual who wants to join the parade or is hoping to divert attention from a man whom he admires very much," McArthur said.

Offered Use of Car

Flick told police that Dr. Sam had offered to let the youth use the doctor's Jaguar sport car while the osteopath was in jail, McArthur added. The youth, whose father, Dr. Gervase C. Flick, is a radiologist at Bay View Hospital, lives at 3137 Rocky River Drive N.W. He has been studying at the Kirksville School of Osteopathy in Missouri.

Corrigan Visits Home

Corrigan meanwhile visited the Sheppard lake-front home briefly. Arriving at 4:30 p.m., he was accompanied by Fred W. Carmone, another of Dr. Sam's lawyers. They wandered about the property for five minutes and immediately left when met by a Plain Dealer reporter. The lawyers said they were just looking around. Corrigan pointed out that the residence (Continued on Page 13, Column 2)
Youth Refuses After Tale of Bay Murder Suspect

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d...Dr. Sam "Sweeney Sam" had ducked under the rope that encircles the property and was wandering around when Bay Village police last night chased 20 curiosity seekers off the Sheppard lawn. The curiosity seekers had ducked under the rope that encircles the property and were wandering around when Patrolman Gerhard Deutschlan­der appeared and ordered them off. An investigator-glowed from a second-floor window. In Los Angeles police still had not foiled the mysterious "Mar-