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Police to Check Findings in Murder Probe

Police will question an "important witness" in the Marilyn Sheppard murder case regarding "new information" linked to the Bay Village bludgeon slaying, it was learned last night. The witness is believed to have intimate knowledge of recent relationships between Marilyn and her husband, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, accused of hacking her to death July 4.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles police intelligence officers were preparing to question a woman—not a girl friend of Dr. Sam's—in connection with the case.

Was Close Friend

The woman may supply information regarding the Sheppards when they lived in California. She is reported to have been a close friend of Dr. and Mrs. Sheppard and of their acquaintances, but has not figured in the case heretofore.

Her knowledge covers the period of 1944 to 1948, when Dr. Sam was attending the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons at Los Angeles, and from 1948 to 1951, when the doctor was an intern at the Los Angeles County General Hospital.

Los Angeles police have been checking the background of Dr. Sam while he was living there. They have talked to instructors who taught him at the college in an effort to determine his temperament.

Double Check Case

Police here continued to touch up fine points of their investigation, considered about completed.

Pitted against William J. Corrigan, crack criminal lawyer, with a reputation for thoroughness, investigators are double checking to eliminate any ragged edges in their case, largely circumstantial.

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