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Following is a digest of Assistant County Prosecutor John Mahon’s Opening Statement yesterday at the murder trial of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard. Mahon disclosed that which Mahon pointed out was not evidence, he reviewed the evidence which preceded the murder (July 3).

"Nothing was missing in that room. The instrument used to beat Marilyn Sheppard was not found. The corduroy jacket she had been wearing was found neatly folded on the couch that morning."

Mahon then told what the evidence would show on the married life of the Sheppards.

While the osteopath was attending school in Los Angeles before 1951 "he had affairs with other women." Dr. Sam contemplated a divorce there, but the evidence would "point to California." They had talked about "marriage and divorce." Mahon related: "That's the reason she was killed."

In a conversation then with police Dr. Sam told them he and his wife cry out "that Marilyn had been killed." A "reasonable interpretation" of the evidence would "point the finger of guilt at Sam Sheppard." The appearance of a bur- glar "just doesn't do that." He added that a burglar "wouldn't take the sweat shirt off a man's body and carry it away."

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