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FIND TOOTH CHIPS UNDER BODY OF BAY DOCTOR'S SLAIN WIFE
County Coroner Samuel R. Gerber inspects sunglasses found at scene of beach struggle between Dr. Sam Sheppard and wife's murderer.

Patrolman Fred Drenkham checks blood-splattered bed on which Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard was brutally murdered in mysterious attack.

Beach behind Dr. Sam Sheppard home where he said he fought the killer down the stair steps.

Sheppard home at 28924 Lake Rd. in Bay Village is scene of holiday tragedy.
Grappled With Brutal Slayer, Physician Says

Chips of two human teeth turned up today as the most important clews to the brutal bludgeon murder of the attractive wife of a Bay Village osteopath.

The tell-tale bits of teeth were found under the battered body of Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard who was found early yesterday in the bedroom of her home at 28924 West Lake Rd., in the western suburb.

Coroner Samuel R. Gerber discovered the two chips when he examined the murder room. They presumably came from the teeth of the mysterious killer as the victim fought for her life.

Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, 30, husband of the slain woman, is recovering in Bay View Hospital from head injuries and bruises he said were inflicted by his wife's assailant.

In another important development in the mysterious crime, Dr. Gerber ordered a police guard stationed at Dr. Sheppard's hospital room.

The coroner said he acted as a precaution against further violence when he learned that a former patient had "threatened to get Dr. Sheppard."

Mrs. Sheppard, surprised as she slept in her second floor bedroom, was hacked more than two dozen times with a blunt instrument.

Dr. Sheppard told a harrowing story of grappling and battling with the mysterious invader in a fight which ended at the foot of a 50-foot cliff in front of the house.

The osteopath said he lost consciousness several times and "came to" in Lake Erie.

Dr. Gerber and Bay Village police said many baffling aspects of the murderous assaults remain to be cleared up. It was the worst crime to strike Cleveland's west shore in many years.

The coroner and Cleveland homicide detectives, Patrick Gerau and Robert Schottke, agreed that robbery apparently was not the motive.

A possible theory, the officers said, was that a prowler was in search of narcotics when Mrs. Sheppard awoke and discovered him.

Injuries Described

At the hospital Dr. Stephan A. Sheppard, brother of the injured doctor, said his brother had multiple lacerations, contusions and abrasions of the face and head.

"The entire right side of his face is swollen and the right eye is swollen shut," he said. He has deep lacerations inside the right cheek, internal injuries about the chest and abdomen, and a concussion which has resulted in extens...
Dr. Gerber said her death was caused by 25 severe blows inflicted possibly by a square-edged tool.

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He said he recognized the osteopath's keys, all bloodstained. His gold football charm and the doctor's gold watch, found in a green bag at the beach.

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The master bedroom of the house was flecked with blood spots indicating the maniacal fury with which the killer struck his victim.

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