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Susan Hayes Contradicts Dr. Sheppard

By JIM VAIL, Press Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, July 26 — Pretty Susan Hayes of Rocky River, a bewildered 24-year-old caught in a murder investigation, today made statements which contradicted the sworn inquest testimony of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard.

Dr. Sheppard had told Coroner S. R. Gerber he had only a casual relationship with Miss Hayes.

At a new quizzing here, Miss Hayes has admitted she falsified her earlier story to investigators.

The harassed Miss Hayes was brought to the basement police headquarters in the skyscraper Los Angeles City Hall a few hours after Assistant Prosecutor Thomas Parrino and Homicide Detective Robert Schottke arrived here on their transcontinental trip to explore the once private lives of Sam and Marilyn Sheppard.

Faces New Quiz

Accompanied by an attorney, Curtiss B. Danning, Miss Hayes was questioned until 2 a. m. yesterday. She was to undergo further interrogation today.

She was confronted with the statements of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller that it wasn't their idea for her to become their house guest—but Dr. Sheppard's suggestion. At the inquest, Dr. Sheppard denied sleeping in the same bedroom with Miss Hayes for four nights at the Miller home.

Miss Hayes had previously made a sworn statement to Los Angeles County District Attorney Ernest Roll that she had seen Dr. Sheppard only twice during his California visit last March.

Withholds Details

Once, she said, was when she accompanied him to San Diego to attend another osteopath's wedding, and then again when he gave her a Lady Elgin wrist watch to replace one she lost.

Parrino declined to disclose the exact nature of her new statement, other than that it "is not consistent with testimony given by Dr. Sheppard regarding their relationship."

Miss Hayes first met Dr. Sheppard when she was a technician at Bay View Hospital. Her employment there was terminated early this year. She is now working at a clinic in the Los Angeles area.

Schottke and Parrino earlier took a 30-mile drive to the isolated \$80,000 home of Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Chapman near Monterey.

Marilyn Sheppard was a guest there with Mrs. Chapman while her osteopath husband was in Miss Hayes' company.

Cites Difficulties

Mrs. Chapman told them she "was aware of the Sheppards having some family difficulties" at the time. Mrs. Chapman said she didn't know Miss Hayes.

Dr. Chapman was to be questioned later.

The investigators also took a statement from Dr. Dorothy Marsh, woman osteopath who was present at a poker party in the Miller home attended by Dr. Sheppard and Miss Hayes.

A series of interviews with others who knew Sam and Marilyn Sheppard was arranged for the investigators by Capt. James Hamilton, chief of the Los Angeles Police Dept. intelligence unit.

Hoversten Faces Quiz

Those on their list included Dr. Lester Hoversten of Glendale, who was a house guest of the Sheppards until the day before the murder.

Larry Houk, 16-year-old son of Bay Village Mayor J. Spencer Houk, testified that Mrs. Sheppard had expressed annoyance at Hoversten's stay.

Hoversten was visiting another osteopath at Kent at the time of the slaying.

Officials said no definite decision has been reached on whether to return witnesses from the West Coast for Cleveland hearings. It was learned that some would be "invited" to return before any compulsory process is instituted.