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WANTS CITY PAID FOR POLICE AID

Story Cites Help Given Bay in Slaying Probe

BY SANFORD WATZMAN

A proposal that suburban communities be made to pay for aid given by scientific experts in the Cleveland Police Department was made yesterday at City Hall by Police Chief Frank W. Story.

The Cleveland chief suggested compensation for the city in future cases while conferring with Robert H. Johnston, acting safety director, and Lewis B. Weinacht, executive assistant to the mayor, on the Sheppard murder case in Bay Village.

Story pointed out that Cleveland police laboratory technicians and two homicide detectives assisted Bay Village authorities in the early stages of their investigation.

When a safe was tampered with over the week end at the F. W. Woolworth Co. store, 5310 Woodland Avenue S. E., Story said, the laboratory men were not available.

Meanwhile, it was reported that a palm print taken from the desk of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was not yet being studied. Detective Chief James E. McArthur explained that so far he had received no other prints to compare it with.

"Our men have rendered as much service as we could to Bay Village," Story said, "and now we have withdrawn from the investigation. Of course, we will be happy to answer any other specific requests for aid."

The Cleveland detectives

stepped out of the case after the county sheriff's office entered the murder probe. Sheriff Joseph M. Sweeney said he had no word of the killing until he read a news account in Monday's Plain Dealer.

Chief Story's proposal may be taken up this morning at a meeting of the city board of control, Weinacht said.