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SEARCH MURDER HOME AGAIN

Dr. Sheppard Weeps Beside Coffin of Wife



Dr. Samuel Sheppard as he was wheeled by his brother, Dr. Stephen, to attend the funeral of Dr. Samuel's wife. (Photo by News Staff Photographer Edward Dork.)

Coroner Hunts Missing Shirt, Attack Weapon

BY HOWARD BEAUFIT

A new and more thorough search of the Bay Village home in which Mrs. Marilyn R. Sheppard was brutally murdered last Sunday was undertaken today while members of the family attended funeral services 30 miles away.

The new search was ordered by County Coroner Samuel R. Gerber in an effort to locate the murder weapon and a T-shirt worn by the victim's husband, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, several hours before the tragedy.

Participating in the search were Gerber, Mayor J. Spencer Houk of Bay Village, John J. Mahon and Thomas Parrino, assistant county prosecutors, Deputy Sheriff Carl Rossbach and two aides, and several of the village's police officers.

Shortly after the search started, Patrolman Cy Lipaj discovered a four-foot length of $\frac{3}{4}$ " galvanized pipe lying on the beach directly behind the Sheppard's home at 28924 Lake Rd., Bay Village.

The pipe, shaped like a bicycle handlebar, was curved at both ends.

Offers No Opinion

Gerber declined to say whether or not he believed the pipe could have been the murder weapon.

An old rag which appeared to have been a pair of men's shorts was found with the pipe on the beach about 40 yards west of the Sheppard's beach house.

It was on this beach that Dr. Sheppard said he was bludgeoned into unconsciousness by a prowler whom he first encountered outside his wife's bedroom on the second floor of the spacious home.

Questioning of the young osteopathic surgeon has been delayed because of the injuries he says were inflicted by the prowler.

Questioning After Funeral

After a conference with Gerber and Dr. Charles W. Elkins, professor of neuro-surgery at Western Reserve Medical School, Rossbach told reporters that an effort would be made to undertake this ques-

tioning as soon as Dr. Sheppard returns from the funeral services.

Gerber had announced earlier that he had agreed to wait "a few days" because of the husband's "emotional state." He said the decision to delay was based entirely on this and not the surgeon's physical condition.

The decision on whether the husband would be permitted to attend the funeral services remained in doubt until he was examined by Gerber and Dr. Elkins in his room at Bay View Hospital.

While questioning of the 30-year-old husband and father was awaited, Gerber served notice on the surgeon's relatives that he would tolerate no further delay in the murder investigation.

Warning Given at Meeting

The warning was given at a meeting in the Bay Village City Hall attended by the father and the brother of the victim's husband, Dr. Richard A. Sheppard and Dr. Richard N. Sheppard, and their attorney, Arthur E. Petersilge.

Coroner Gerber pointed out to Petersilge and his clients that state law gave him broad powers of subpoena and inquest in murder cases and that he intended to use

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Murder House Is Searched Again

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them if voluntary co-operation proved unsatisfactory to him.

"We wouldn't like you to do that," the attorney was heard to exclaim.

"I would not like to have to do it," Dr. Gerber replied.

The coroner said it was necessary to question Dr. Samuel Sheppard, husband of the slain woman, who is a patient in the Sheppard's Bay View Hospital.

Attorneys Petersilge and William J. Corrigan and Dr. Stephen Sheppard, personal physician for his brother, have held up interrogation of "Dr. Sam" for the past three days because of emotional shock and injuries he said were inflicted by his wife's killer.

Dr. Gerber said that as soon as Dr. Sheppard is well enough he will be asked to return to his rambling, blood-splattered lakefront home and re-enact the scene of violence he said he encountered early Sunday morning.

Allow Photographers In

Newspaper photographers were permitted to take pictures of Dr. Sheppard in his hospital bed this morning, but were forbidden to interview him. His jaw was swollen. His neck is encased in an orthopedic collar.

"You can say hello if you want to, but no interview," said Dr. Richard N. Sheppard.

Dr. Samuel had difficulty in turning his head to pose for the pictures, and explained he had to use his hand to move his head.

Dr. Gerber and Deputy Sheriff Carl Rossbach, heading the murder investigation, said that immediate questioning of Dr. Sam was now necessary to get answers to puzzling aspects of the bizarre crime.

Questions unanswered include:

What happened to the white T-shirt Dr. Sheppard was wearing Saturday night when his wife was beaten to death with a blunt instrument in the bedroom of their home at 28924 West Lake Rd., Bay Village?

Why was Dr. Sheppard's wrist watch water soaked and stopped at 4:15? The crime was reported to police at 5:55 a. m. Sunday.

Why were doors to a screened-in porch open when police arrived, when according to guests in the home they had been bolted the night before?

Did the killer stop to unbolt these door in his rapid flight and run toward the lake when the front door, and West Lake Rd., were his obvious and most successful paths of escape?

Why was Mrs. Sheppard's wristwatch, worn apparently when she was murdered in an upstairs bedroom, found on the floor downstairs?

The deputy said he would also talk with the osteopath's 7-year-old son, "Chip."

The boy, according to his father, slept through the noisy and furious murder of his mother. His room was a few feet away and his door open.

Tells of Awakening

Dr. Sheppard said that he was aroused from his nap on the downstairs couch by his wife's screams. He said he ran upstairs to be met at the top by a man wearing a white shirt who was six feet three inches tall and had dark bushy hair and was of "average age."

Dr. Gerber said that laboratory tests indicated that stains on trousers worn by Dr. Sheppard Saturday night were blood, but the type had not been determined.

Police Chief John P. Eaton turned over to the coroner for laboratory examination two pairs of gloves found under the steps leading to the Sheppard's lakefront boathouse. The gloves are pigskin and white canvas, and one of them is red stained.

Dr. Gerber said two minute pieces of inorganic material found on the floor at the foot of the murdered woman's bed would probably be of no value to the investigation.

One fragment appears to be a flake of toe-nail polish, apparently from one of the toes of the dead woman. The other piece of material, Dr. Gerber said, apparently is leatherette, but its source is unknown.