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CLEVELAND — Partly cloudy, cool today. Fair, cool tonight. High today 75, low tonight 55.

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VOWS CO-OPERATION;  
SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES  
WAIT OUTSIDE ROOM

\"I'm Not in Shape\" for Investigators, Dr. Sheppard Says;  
Rossbach, Directing Probe, Told to Call Today;  
Lawyer, Otto Graham and Mayor Houk Later Visit Patient

BY JOHN G. BLAIR

Sheriff's deputies cooled their heels outside Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard's Bay View Hospital room last night, stymied in attempts to question the injured surgeon. But a few minutes before this Plain Dealer reporter talked to the husband of the Bay Village hack-murder victim as he lay in his hospital bed. Accompanied by Dudley Brumbach, Plain Dealer photographer, the reporter was admitted to the darkened room soon after Dr. Sheppard had returned from his wife's funeral. Dr. Richard N. Sheppard, a brother, had obtained Dr. Sheppard's consent to a photograph and stood by as the reporter talked with the beaten husband. \"Heavens, yes,\" Dr. Sheppard said to the reporter through his swollen lips. His neck was encased in a leather bullet. Pledges Cooperation. He had been asked if he would co-operate in the investigation of the killing of his wife, whose body and face were savagely cut in the room of their comfortable Bay Village home. \"I will cooperate in the investigation in every way,\" he added. \"Not in Shape Yet\" \"My doctors tell me that I'm not in shape yet,\" he added. He felt \"awful.\" The doctor held his forehead. He had complained of a severe headache after returning to the hospital from the emotional ordeal of saying his final farewell to his wife. Dr. Sheppard added that he had talked to Bay Village Police Sergt. Jay Hubach en route to Knollwood Mausoleum. \"I talked to him all the way over and back,\" the doctor said, raising one of his legs and turning slightly on the bed. Rossbach. The brother said Dr. Sheppard had received no sedative up to that time. An hour later Deputy Sheriff Carl A. Rossbach, directing the slowed-down investigation of the murder that has terrorized the quiet suburb, reported Dr. Sheppard was under sedation and could not be questioned. He said that he had hoped to interview the doctors but that Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard, the brother in charge of medical care for the surgeon, had ruled this out. \"He said his brother was under great emotional stress and had been given a sedative,\" Rossbach said as he entered his car in the hospital parking lot with Deputy Sheriff Dave Tettens and Bay Village Patrolman Fred Drenkhan. \"I was told to call Dr. Stephen Sheppard tomorrow at 11 a.m. to learn if we can question him,\" Rossbach added. Rossbach said he had been given \"permission\" to talk to the Sheppards' 61-year-old son, \"Chip,\" today. \"Chip has been staying at the home of Dr. Stephen Sheppard,  
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Dr. Gerber is visiting Cleveland.
though sheriffs deputies were not permitted to question him.

Left: Dr. Samuel H. Shepard shows Assistant County Prosecutor John J. Mahon (middle) and Thomas J. Parino, contents of Dr. Shepard's medicine bag at the Sheppard residence in Bay Village.