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Youth Tells Bay Police of Seeking Swim Party

The mystery of the three men who talked to fishermen on a pier near the home of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard a few hours before his wife was murdered was solved yesterday when one of the three showed up at Bay Village police station.

He was Jerry Schumacher, 18, of 1818 W. 47th Street.

Jerry told police he and two companions, George Tenaglia, 5211 Tillman Avenue N. W., and Bill Hearns of W. 54th Street, had gone to the area about 12:30 a.m. the morning of July 4 to look for friends who they thought were having a swimming party at Huntington Beach.

Saw Fishermen's Light

The youths said they arrived at the beach and found no one there. Then they saw the fishermen's light out on the pier, and thought it might be a picnic fire.

They walked to the end of the pier to see if their friends were there. After talking to the fishermen they left the area, Jerry said. They later found out the swimming party was held at Hinckley.

Jerry said he had read in the Plain Dealer yesterday that the three men who talked to the fishermen were being sought and decided to go to the police to "set the record straight."

Police took a statement from him and talked to his two friends.

Searching for a beach party, Jerry Schumacher, 18, and two companions were revealed as the mysterious trio seen near the Sheppard home last Sunday morning.
LEAVING the Criminal Court Building after more than nine hours with investigators, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard used the back door to escape newsmen, but Plain Dealer Photographer Marvin Greene was there ahead of the Bay Village osteopath. Ahead of Dr. Sheppard is Deputy Sheriff Michael Ucello.

MYSTERIOUS STRANGER lurking in the shadows near the home of murdered Marilyn Sheppard was described yesterday by Leo Stawicki, 4511 E. 49th Street, Cuyahoga Heights. Stawicki said the man had "bushy hair" like a crew cut grown in.