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SAW DOCTOR TWICE
TECHNICIAN SAYS IN
LOS ANGELES QUIZ

Quotes Dr. Sheppard as Planning to Return
There for Further Medical Study; Explains
Friendship as Casual, Stemming From As-
association at Bay Hospital

BY JOHN G. BLAIR AND PAT GARLING

Pretty Susan Hayes late yesterday was questioned by District Attorney S. Ernest Roll
of Los Angeles County about her friendship with Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard.

The slender, “almost blonde” Rocky River medical technician was invited in for ques-
tioning by Roll at the request of Assistant County Prosecutor John J. Mahon of
Cuyahoga County.

Roll said Miss Hayes “heatedly denied” anything more than a casual relationship with Dr. Sheppard.

But she admitted she had seen the husband of murdered Marilyn Sheppard on two occasions
while Dr. and Mrs. Sheppard were in Los Angeles last March.

Miss Hayes, 24, told the District Attorney that Dr. Sheppard had informed her that he planned
return to Los Angeles to take a postgraduate medical course.

Did Not See Wife
While Dr. Sheppard told her that his wife was with him in Los Angeles, Miss Hayes said,
she never saw the 31-year-old Mrs. Sheppard, who was hacked to death July 4 morning in the
couple’s Bay Village home.

The brown-eyed mystery woman in the bizarre cas-
told Roll that she knew of no marital trouble between the Sheppards.

Miss Hayes said Dr. Sheppard telephoned her at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shabla in
Downey, Cal.

Mrs. Shabla, also a former Bay View technician, was questioned by Roll and verified Miss Hayes’
story.

When the doctor telephoned, Miss Hayes said, she mentioned that it was Mrs. Shabla’s birth-
day. She said Dr. Sheppard re-
marked that they would have to get together.

Tells of Invitation
A couple of days later, the Rocky River High School gradu-
ate said, Dr. Sheppard tele-
phoned again and asked her to accompany him to a wedding of a
friend of his.

Dr. Sheppard, Miss Hayes and the Shablas, with four other
persons, drove to San Diego, 125 miles south of Los Angeles, in
two cars.

There, the attractive 118-
pound technician said, the group attended the wedding and a re-
ception and had dinner before returning to Los Angeles.

During the evening Miss Hayes lost her purse containing her
wrist watch, she told the district attorney. She said she worried
about it on the way back to Los Angeles. The group spent
some time looking for the purse before leaving San Diego.

Two or three days later, Miss Hayes said, Dr. Sheppard tele-
phoned her and asked if she
could come out to see her.

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About Doctor's Visits

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After some "small talk" for about 15 minutes at their meeting, Dr. Sheppard handed her a new wrist watch as he was about to leave. She said the doctor explained that he felt responsible for the loss of her watch, since he had invited her to go to the wedding. Miss Hayes described the gift as "a very nice watch," Roll said.

Since then, she told Roll, she has never seen or heard from Dr. Sheppard.

**Visited Home Twice**

Miss Hayes said she first became acquainted with the doctor while she was employed at Bay View in 1951.

For a while, Miss Hayes said, she was engaged to Dr. Robert Stevenson, a Kent osteopath. With Dr. Stevenson, she said, she visited the Sheppard home, 28850 West Lake Road, Bay Village, twice in the summer of 1952. Roll quoted her as saying Mrs. Sheppard "seemed like a very nice lady."

On both occasions Miss Hayes and her fiancé went water skiing with Dr. and Mrs. Sheppard.

**Confirms Story**

At Kent, Dr. Stevenson confirmed Miss Hayes' story. He said he and Miss Hayes had been engaged until about a year ago.

He described Miss Hayes as "honest and honorable" and said the breaking off of the engagement had nothing to do with the Sheppard case.

Miss Hayes said she went to California in February and obtained a job at Southeast Industrial Hospital in Huntington Park, a Los Angeles suburb, through the aid of Mrs. Shabla. Mrs. Shabla also works at the hospital.

As the soft-spoken girl left the district attorney's office she tried to evade newsmen. She was described as "very nervous" and "jumped" when photographers' flash bulbs went off.

**Telephones Parents**

Miss Hayes telephoned her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hayes, 1680 W. 210th Street, Rocky River, last night and told them she had been through "a terrible ordeal."

Deputy Sheriffs Carl A. Rossbach and Dave Yettra interviewed Miss Hayes' parents. They said they were told that sometimes Dr. Sheppard drove the pretty technician home when she worked late at the hospital.

The parents said the relationship was only that of an employer and employee.

Roll said Miss Hayes revealed that the wrist watch she lost later was returned to her.

**Leaves His Name**

While looking for the purse containing the watch in San Diego that evening, Dr. Sheppard was said to have left his name and address in several places, asking that the missing property be sent to him if it was found. The purse and watch were mailed to him here and he turned them over to Mrs. Hayes, who sent them to her daughter in California.

Roll said: "She (Miss Hayes) has two watches now."

The district attorney said he
would send a report on the questioning to Mahon. Mahon said there was a possibility that he might question Dr. Sheppard further on the basis of the report.

Still Lack Motive

Meanwhile, the investigation here seemed to drag as the case entered its 10th day without conclusive clues.

Investigators said they still lacked a motive for the chopping to death of the wife of Dr. Sheppard. The expectant mother was found dead in bed hacked 25 times with such force that her eye sockets were shattered and her skull split.

Police seemed to discount to a great degree the discovery of inexpensive jewelry belonging to Dr. Sheppard in a green cloth bag. The bag was found in weeds behind the comfortable suburban home overlooking Lake Erie.

Neither had investigators seemed concerned over the report that 30 cubic centimeters of demerol, a synthetic morphine, was missing from Dr. Sheppard's medical kit and desk.

The probers have concentrated to a great extent on questioning Dr. Sheppard to learn more about happenings on the night of the murder.

His description of the intruder whom he said he fought with have been vague. He could tell them only that the man had bushy hair, was about six feet three inches tall and wore a white shirt.

Numerous tips about strangers seen on West Lake Road near the Sheppard home have been given the probers. So far none of these have led to any "hot suspect."

Set Time at 3:10 A. M.

Time of the murder is believed to have been 3:10 a. m. That was the time Mrs. Sheppard's wrist watch stopped.

The watch was found on the floor of Dr. Sheppard's first-floor study. There were bloodstains on it.

Dr. Sheppard's wrist watch was in the bag in the weeds. It had stopped at 4:15.

Discovery of the murder and the beating of Dr. Sheppard was made just before 6 a. m. on July 4 by Mayor and Mrs. J. Spencer Houk of Bay Village.

Dr. Sheppard had telephoned Houk and his brother, Dr. Richard N. Sheppard, after determining that his wife was dead.

Lights Are Mystery

Conflicting reports have been received about lights being on in the Sheppard home at various times in the early morning.

Dr. Sheppard has said he was in darkness when he was awakened from his sleep on a downstairs couch by the sound of his wife moaning.

While investigators sought to solve the tragic riddle Dr. Sheppard himself continued to visit Bay View to care for patients. He was there yesterday morning.
FRIENDSHIP with Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, husband of Marilyn Sheppard, murdered July 4, was described yesterday at Los Angeles by Susan Hayes, 24, former medical technician at Bay View Hospital. Miss Hayes is shown at the Los Angeles County district attorney's office, where she was questioned.