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PARLEY WITH DR. SHEPPARD

Meeting Secret; 'Can't Take Any More,'

Husband Says

Dr. Alan R. Moritz, Western Reserve University crime expert, met secretly yesterday with Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, husband of the murdered Marilyn Sheppard.

Neither Dr. Moritz nor the 30-year-old Bay Village osteopath would reveal where they met. Both refused to discuss details of the meeting.

Arthur E. Petersilge, Sheppard family lawyer, participated in the discussion.

After returning from the rendezvous in his Jaguar sports car, Dr. Sheppard told Plain Dealer Reporter Pat Garling: "I just can't take any more of it."

Fails to Explain Remark

The osteopathic neurosurgeon, whose wife was hacked to death in her bed before dawn July 4, did not explain his cryptic remark.

Dr. Sheppard left the home of his father, Dr. Richard A. Sheppard, adjacent to Bay View Hospital, early in the afternoon.

His father acknowledged that a meeting was planned between the noted scientist and Dr. Sheppard. He said he did not know where the meeting was held.

Wearing the leather collar which gives support to his injured neck, Dr. Sheppard attended a monthly staff meeting at Bay View last night and then returned home.

Sheppard Refuses to Talk

Other than his remark to Garling, Dr. Sheppard refused to talk to reporters.

Dr. Moritz said he "was working very hard" on the Sheppard murder investigation.

Of the meeting, he would only say that he had "nothing to report."

He said he was acquainting himself with all aspects of the mystery that has confounded police and public for more than two weeks.

First Hint of Active Role

The reported meeting was the first indication that Dr. Moritz, who gained a national reputation for his solutions of baffling murders while on the faculty of the Harvard University medical school, would take an active role in seeking the killer of Mrs. Sheppard.

At a conference at the Cuyahoga County morgue last Saturday Dr. Moritz was brought "up to date" on the case. It was said he would serve in an advisory capacity.

In another development last night Rev. Alan J. Davis, boyhood friend of "Dr. Sam" and minister of North Royalton Methodist Church, appeared at the Bay Village police station.

He turned over to Patrolman G. H. Deutschlander an envelope which he said he had received in the mail. The letter was addressed to Rev. Mr. Davis as "personal" and "confidential."

Sheppard and Moritz Meet in Secret; Mum on Result

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Rev. Mr. Davis had cut off the name of the sender of the letter.

Police said that the writer was apparently not familiar with the Bay Village area and that the letter was similar to many received from interested citizens. Nevertheless, they said it would be checked.

Another letter, one which Mayor J. Spencer Houk of Bay Village thought he had dispatched by messenger to Police Chief Frank W. Story of Cleveland, turned up last night, still in the suburb.

Houk had given the letter to Police Chief John P. Eaton yesterday morning with instructions that it was to be delivered to Chief Story.

Too Late to Deliver Letter

The "messengers," Police Sergt. Jay Hubach and Patrolman Fred Drenkhan, became involved in checking out an out-of-town tip and by the time they returned to the city found it was too late to deliver the letter to Story.

In the meantime some details of the letter, which Houk thought was in Chief Story's hands, leaked out. Houk was upset over newspapers having details of the letter before Story had received it.

The Mayor in the letter acknowledged the assistance given by Cleveland detectives in the first days of the investigation.

Houk wrote to Story that he could also consider the letter a request for further assistance in finding a solution to the baffling mystery.

The mayor said he asked Story for nothing "specific" in the way of aid.

Denies Dissatisfaction

He denied the letter was an expression of dissatisfaction on his part with the way county authorities are handling the case.

"There's no rhubarb on our our part," Houk asserted. "We just need all the help we can get to find this killer."

At the conference Saturday Story asked that any requests for assistance be made in writing. Houk said he was complying with the request.

Offers to Submit Request

Informed that a letter from Houk was on the way, Story said that if Bay Village requested that Cleveland police take charge of the investigation he would submit the proposal to Mayor Anthony J. Celebrezze.

Story has two detectives detailed to the office of County Prosecutor Frank T. Cullitan checking out tips.

The chief said he could not afford to assign detectives to the different investigating authorities.

Story said that if one authority were chosen as a co-ordinator or clearinghouse in the investigation that one would receive Cleveland's help.

Wants Men to Interrogate

He added that he did not want his men used to conduct routine searches for such missing items as the T-shirt worn by Dr. Sheppard the night of the murder.

Story said that his men would have to be utilized for important work such as interrogation.

He added that the interrogation must be done in the manner that their "experience dictates."

Bay Village police called a halt to further use of a mine detector in searching for the weapon used to chop the pregnant woman to death as she lay in bed in the Sheppard home, 28924 West Lake Road, Bay Village.

Packs Mine Detector

Sergt. Gerald Golden from Fort Hayes, Columbus, packed up his magnetic mine detector after a fruitless search of the weedy embankment behind the Sheppards' rambling home overlooking Lake Erie.

All that investigators had to show for Sergt. Golden's two days of back-breaking labor lugging the heavy detector and pack around was an accumulation of junk.

Bottle caps, a rusted barrel of a child's pop gun, an anchor chain and several lengths of pipe were turned up. None of the discoveries were considered of great value.

Dr. Samuel R. Gerber, county coroner, had a combination shotgun and rifle turned over to him for tests at the morgue.

Weapon From Home

The weapon, a 410/22 "over and under," had been removed from the Sheppard home last week with Dr. Gerber's permission. It belonged to Dr. Richard N. Sheppard, a brother of the victim's husband.

Later Bay Village police reclaimed the weapon at Dr. Gerber's request, but did not turn it over to him until yesterday.

Dr. Gerber said the weapon, when broken down and used as a bludgeon, would leave different impressions from those that splintered Mrs. Sheppard's skull.

Hubach and Drenkhan returned last night from a southeastern Ohio city where they checked out the "Arnold" tip given police by Mrs. Jessie Dill of Painesville.

Beach Meeting Told

Mrs. Dill had told police that she met a woman who she thought was Mrs. Sheppard on the beach at Fairport Harbor the week of June 13. The woman was distraught and told Mrs. Dill she wished she were divorced. She said she tried to get a divorce four years ago in California, but had been talked out of it.

Mrs. Dill said the woman had a male friend by the name of Arnold.

Hubach remembered that there was a person connected with Bay View at one time who had the name Arnold.

The two policemen traced the man to the city and interviewed him yesterday. He told them he knew the Sheppards only casually, but had been at Put-in-Bay with Dr. Sheppard several weeks ago.

Can't Explain Tie-In

They could not explain how Mrs. Dill obtained the name "Arnold."

In Los Angeles, District Attorney S. Ernest Roll was reported planning to question several former classmates of Dr. Sheppard at the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons there.

He also planned to talk to several other persons, including Dr. Lester Hoversten of Glendale, Cal., who was a house guest of the Sheppards in Bay Village at the time of the murder.

Lost Watch Found

Roll's investigators also were going to check on a report that the gay wedding party of which Dr. Sheppard and Miss Susan Hayes, former Bay View technician, were members may have made a side trip to Tijuana, Mexico.

It was learned that Miss Hayes' lost purse containing the wrist watch Dr. Sheppard replaced with a new watch had been found in a service station restroom at San Diego.

Dr. Sheppard had left his card at several places the group, including Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shabla, with whom Miss Hayes rooms at Downey, Cal., had visited.

The purse was found and sent to Dr. Sheppard here. He turned it over to Miss Hayes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hayes, 1680 W. 210th Street, Rocky River. They sent it back to Miss Hayes.

Hoaxer Due Here

Richard J. McManus, chief county probation officer, will drive to Baltimore today to pick up George W. Ennis, 37, who told the Plain Dealer a hoax story of a hired assassin plot to kill Mrs. Sheppard.

Ennis was arrested last Wednesday in Baltimore and was held as a probation violator. He has waived extradition and will be returned here. McManus said Ennis did not have permission to leave Cleveland. He faces a possible one-to-ten-year embezzlement term if ordered to prison.



REV. ALAN J. DAVIS

FIGURES IN THE SHEP-
PARD MURDER investigation
yesterday included Dr. Moritz,
Western Reserve University
pathology professor, and Rev.
Mr. Davis who delivered a
"confidential" letter to Bay
Village police.



DR. ALAN R. MORITZ