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## DR. SHEPPARD TELLS OWN STORY

*Says He and Girl Were Guests in Coast Home*

# VICTIM'S HUSBAND DUE ON STAND AGAIN TODAY AS INQUEST CONTINUES

Bay Osteopath, Wearing Neck Brace, Is Quizzed for Two Hours by Gerber; Asserts He Hasn't Seen Susan Hayes Since Trip to Los Angeles in March; Eight Others Testify

BY JOHN G. BLAIR

Pretty Susan Hayes and Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard spent a week last March as guests in the same Los Angeles home, the handsome Bay Village osteopath admitted late yesterday.

That his friendship with the Rocky River medical technician was not as "casual" as first reported was indicated by Dr. Sheppard's sworn testimony at the public inquest into his wife's murder.

Dr. Sheppard's admission was the highlight of the first day of the inquest called by Dr. Samuel R. Gerber, county coroner, into the Marilyn Sheppard murder.

The 30-year-old husband was still on the stand when Dr. Gerber halted the inquest at 5 p. m. after Dr. Sheppard had testified for nearly two hours. The inquest will be resumed at 9 with Dr. Sheppard testifying, Dr. Gerber said.

Testimony was taken from nine persons—including Dr. Sheppard. Others testifying were Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Ahern, dinner guests at the Sheppard home on the murder night; Bay Village Mayor and Mrs. J. Spencer Houk and their son, Larry, 17; Bay Police Chief John P. Eaton, Patrolman Fred F. Drenkhan and Sergt. Jay Hubach.

Possibility that others not yet subpoenaed may be called to testify was indicated by Dr. Gerber, who was aided by Assistant County Prosecutor Saul S. Dana-ceau during the quiz.

Asked if he would summon Miss Hayes, Dr. Gerber said he did not have funds to bring her back from Downey, a suburb of Los Angeles, where she is now living.

#### Brothers to Be Quizzed

Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard and Dr. Richard N. Sheppard, brothers of the husband, and their wives are expected to be questioned today when Dr. Sheppard concludes his testimony.

As Dr. Sheppard testified, beginning at 3:05 p. m., he had near him William J. Corrigan, criminal lawyer, and Arthur E. Petersilge, Sheppard family lawyer.

But the osteopathic neurosurgeon could not receive their advice as he has in the past at other quiz sessions.

Only once did the gray-haired Corrigan, who fidgeted in his seat as Gerber questioned his client, break his silence.

#### Corrigan Interjects

"Now be fair," Corrigan interjected as Dr. Gerber bore in on Dr. Sheppard about his close friendship with Miss Hayes, 24, who formerly worked at Bay View Hospital here.

"That's what I'm doing," Dr. Gerber shot back hotly.

The exchange came as Dr. Gerber neared the end of his questioning about Miss Hayes living at the home of Dr. Arthur Miller at the home of Dr. Arthur Miller in the Los Angeles area while Dr. Sheppard was also there.

Dr. Sheppard told the more than 100 spectators, mostly women, that Miss Hayes stayed at the Miller residence "while I was carrying on my course." He referred to a postgraduate course at the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons at Los Angeles.

Dressed in a navy blue suit and wearing his high leather therapeutic collar to support his injured neck, Dr. Sheppard was the center of attention as he

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CHIEF WITNESS. Wearing dark glasses and his familiar neck brace, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard testifies at the inquest into the death of his wife, Marilyn. (More Sheppard inquest photos on Picture Page and Pages 8 and 9.)

# Doctor Tells Inquest He Was Guest in Home With Girl

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entered the school's "all purpose room," a combination auditorium-gymnasium.

His entrance was delayed for a few minutes while Deputy Sheriff Carl A. Rossbach "frisked" him to make certain he was not carrying the revolver for which he has asked permission.

When Dr. Sheppard was called to the stand he was reclining on the floor of the room in which witnesses were waiting to testify.

## Puts It Back On

He had removed his leather collar and was listening to the baseball game broadcast on a portable radio. The inquest marked time while Dr. Sheppard put the collar back on.

At times Dr. Sheppard seemed to struggle to control his emotions. His face flushed red beneath his deep tan, and he frequently swallowed hard.

Dr. Sheppard said that when he and his wife arrived in Los Angeles by car last March Dr. Sheppard registered at a motel near the college. Mrs. Sheppard went with a friend, a Mrs. Chapman, the wife of a Dr. Chapman, another osteopath.

The doctor said he thought Mrs. Sheppard and Mrs. Chapman stayed in the office of Dr. Chapman that first night. The next morning they came to the motel, where Dr. Sheppard had stayed, with some luggage for him.

## Told to "Study Hard"

Mrs. Sheppard said good-by to her husband and, according to the doctor, told him to "study hard" and "whatever I did to have a good time."

His wife went with Mrs. Chapman to a rancho near Monterey, Cal., about 300 miles from Los Angeles.

Dr. Sheppard then revealed that he had left the motel to go to Dr. Miller's home, which is at 766 South Kingsley Drive in Los Angeles.

He said Dr. Miller "insisted that I stay with him."

## Couldn't Be Sure

To Dr. Gerber's question about how many times did he see Miss Hayes while in Los Angeles, Dr. Sheppard replied that he could not be sure. He reiterated this answer several times as Dr. Gerber sought to determine the frequency of their meetings.

Dr. Sheppard said the longest time they were together was during the San Diego trip to attend a wedding. Dr. Sheppard pointed out the trip involved the nuptials and dinner.

Dr. Gerber asked Dr. Sheppard if Miss Hayes stayed overnight at the home of Dr. Miller and finally elicited the information that Miss Hayes stayed at the Miller home for the period Dr. Sheppard was also there.

## Invited to Stay

Dr. Sheppard maintained that Dr. and Mrs. Miller invited Miss Hayes to stay at the house. He explained that the home where Miss Hayes was rooming was some distance away.

It was here that Corrigan broke in.

Isn't it a fact that you and your wife had difficulties over Miss Hayes staying there while you were there, Dr. Sheppard was asked.

He denied there were difficulties over the arrangement.

"Did Dr. Miller make the statement that you ought to be psychoanalyzed for bringing her out there?" Dr. Gerber asked.

Dr. Sheppard replied: "Heavens, no."

Dr. Gerber wanted to know if Miss Hayes gave up her job to stay at the home, where she was said to have taken care of the Millers' child during the day.

## **Didn't Have Job**

Dr. Sheppard said Miss Hayes did not have a job at the time.

The husband said he had no contact with Miss Hayes since he left California. He also said he did not know if Mrs. Sheppard had received a letter from Miss Hayes or written to her.

Dr. Sheppard said he paid around \$50 for the wrist watch he bought Miss Hayes after she lost hers on the San Diego jaunt.

Before going north to Monterey to join Mrs. Sheppard at the Chapman's rancho, Dr. Sheppard returned Miss Hayes to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shabla in Downey, where she lives, he told the inquest.

## **Turns to Death Night**

Then Dr. Gerber turned his attention to the night of July 3 when Mrs. Sheppard met her death, her pretty face and head hacked 25 times.

Dr. Sheppard said he had given a written statement on the events of the murder night and suggested that Dr. Gerber might want to just include it in the record.

Dr. Gerber told him that what Dr. Sheppard had said before did not count.

Then Dr. Sheppard said he could not give specific times in his recital under oath.

As the young surgeon began his story, the room became still as death.

## **"Felt She Was Gone"**

In a quiet voice, Dr. Sheppard told of the night which he described as a "horrible, fantastic dream."

He revealed for the first time that he entered the bedroom of his son, Chip, 6½, after finding his wife beaten.

Dr. Sheppard said he got to his

feet after being struck as he entered his wife's bedroom in response to her screams and "felt" that Mrs. Sheppard was "gone."

He said he then believed he rushed into his son's room, next to the one in which Mrs. Sheppard was killed, to see if Chip was all right.

Dr. Sheppard said that he was not sure how he determined the boy was safe.

### Heard Noise

He said he was coming out of the boy's room when he heard the noise that caused him to run downstairs.

Dr. Sheppard then told substantially the same story he previously told investigators.

He also told for the first time how he wandered around the second floor of the home in a daze after determining definitely that his wife was dead.