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# TESTIFIES SAM CHANGED STORIES

## SCHOTTKE ASSERTS QUIZZES BROUGHT DOZEN SWITCHES

Defense Hammers at Testimony of  
Cleveland Detective in Cross-  
Examination; Lashes at Technique  
of City Police in Murder Probe

BY TODD SIMON

Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard's story shifted and switched on a dozen points—love affairs, his murder-night struggles and how his watch got bloody and wet—Homicide Detective Robert F. Schottke testified yesterday in the wife-murder trial.

Now there were two prowlers, now one, the flatly professional voice of Schottke said, retelling what he heard from the man he accused of the slaying.

Now Dr. Sheppard was knocked out in the murder chamber next to his dead wife's bed, now he said he was felled before he went in there, Schottke testified.

First the osteopath said his watch became gummed with blood after a second knockout by "a big man with dark clothing" on his beach, but then Dr. Sam said it was when he took his wife's pulse after his first blackout.

So Schottke tolled off the items in his first interviews with the husband at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. at Bay View Hospital on July 4.

## **Tells of Denial**

First Dr. Sam said he never bought a watch for Miss Susan Hayes, the 24-year-old medical technician he knew here and in California, to replace one she had lost, Schottke told the jury. Then, six days later, he admitted it and that his wife, Marilyn, was "upset" about it.

Through it all Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard, brother of Sam, kept butting in to shield the husband-suspect, Schottke said.

Pouncing on Schottke after he threw these punches and others at Dr. Sam's Fourth of July story was Defense Attorney Fred W. Garmone.

He set out to show that Schottke had jumped to the conclusion that Sam was guilty

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after a skimpy 50-minute study of the death home and only six hours of investigation.

He drummed at the veteran, cold-faced detective that he had not had fingerprint work done on papers scattered from the downstairs desks, on Dr. Sam's medical bag, found spilled in the downstairs hall.

## **Throws Two Hints**

He lanced at the fact that Dr. Sam's watch, keys and ring, found on the lakeside bank, were turned over to Coroner Samuel R. Gerber, not to the police scientific bureau.

Garmone threw two new hints—"Did you see a cigarette butt in the toilet bowl?" and

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# Schottke Says Sam Gave Varying Stories

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"Where is the picture of a footprint that was taken by Cleveland police?"—into the welter of evidence.

Garmone will cross-examine Schottke again Monday.

Before Assistant County Prosecutor Thomas J. Parrino quit his direct examination, Schottke had given three versions of Dr. Sam's accounting for his innocence.

They were two interviews on July 4 and a long signed statement made with his lawyer, Arthur E. Petersilge, present at the sheriff's office in the Criminal Courts Building on July 10.

Rumors that Dr. Lester T. Hoversten, house guest of three days and fellow osteopath, was infatuated with Marilyn "might be true," he said Dr. Sam stated.

## Named 'Possible' Killers

But Dr. Sam said he was sure his wife was "faithful."

Naming possible killers, Dr. Sam said in his statement:

"I have heard of individuals who are maniacal enough that when they start an act like that, it becomes a compulsion, a means of satisfaction \* \* \*

"She spurned lovers, potential lovers."

He was asked: "How many of these potential lovers did she have?"

"Three that I know of, and I'm pretty sure more," was the reply.

Dr. Sam said he had told police who these were. Parrino later said those and others were thoroughly checked by police. At least four took lie detector tests. Schottke testified that Dr. Sam refused a lie test.

Marilyn became jealous in the two years after their son "Chip" was born, Dr. Sam said in his statement, adding:

"This was consistent with the termination of my didactic school work and the initiation of my work as a physician, which included contact with many women, both patients and fellow workers."

## Became "Tolerant"

But, Dr. Sam said, that changed. Marilyn became "seemingly much more tolerant than I would consider the average female to be."

Marilyn accused him of affairs "indirectly," complaining about his hours away from home, he said. He took her along on his out-of-town trips to reassure her, though.

His relations with Susan Hayes? "I wouldn't call that 'an affair.' We'd been friends a long while."

Question: "What occasioned buying her a watch?"

Dr. Sam: "I asked her to go along to a dinner with some doctor friends. I paid the dinner check, which was more than the watch was worth. Knowing she couldn't buy a new one, I did."

"My wife didn't know about it until I mentioned it," he continued. "She became upset, not understanding the intent."

Was his link with Mrs. Julee Lossman, wife of the sport car dealer from whom he bought his Jaguar, "a love affair"?

"Not on my part," he said. "It was a doctor-patient relationship. Marilyn might have been there when they discussed

their marital difficulties. We acted more or less as referees. We decided not to see them so often."

His married life was not only like the average couple's, but "ideal," Dr. Sam said.

Schottke's reading of this statement came near the end of his direct testimony. Before that he had told of his first-day investigation.

It had ended with his saying to Dr. Sam: "The evidence points strongly to you, and in my opinion you killed your wife."

Dr. Sam, Schottke said answered in "the same tone as in answer to all our questions: 'Don't be ridiculous. I've devoted my life to saving lives. I loved my wife.'"

"His tone wasn't angry. It was rather unemotional."

## Differs on His Watch

Here were places where, according to Schottke, Sam's stories failed to square with each other:

NO TRIP TO SEE "CHIP" was mentioned on July 4, but later Dr. Sam said he checked into Chip's room, once he knew Marilyn was dead.

THREE STORIES about how moisture got into his watch were told by Dr. Sam: that he got caught in a downpour at some stock car races; that it rained while he played golf with Otto Graham; that he water-skied with it on a few days before the murder.

NOT MUCH DOPE, only "a few samples in the desk," might have been about the death house, Dr. Sam told Schottke. But the first suspect pictured by him was "a dope addict," and there was some fuss over missing morphine.

NOT MUCH MONEY was ever left around—"60 or 70 dollars" at most—was Dr. Sam's first statement. But the Sheppards talked burglary and larceny later. Some \$263, plus a \$1,000 check to Dr. Sam, were found in the house.

## Told of "Form"

TWO MEN? Schottke got one version of Dr. Sam's story in which he said he saw or heard a person "working over my wife" but was slugged from behind. He saw a form "white on top" in the bedroom, but a "bushy-haired man" in dark clothes on the beach. But later he went down to one assailant.

ON STRUGGLES, Dr. Sam told Coroner Gerber he was bashed as he got to the top of the stairs, but he told others later at the sheriff's office that he fought with someone in the bedroom and was hit "on the side of the head" from behind.

Dr. Sam could not account for his white T-shirt's disappearing, nor why he did not turn on any lights in his house, nor how he could have been left only bruised if the killer used a skull-cracking club on his wife, Schottke testified.

Dr. Sam said his night marauder "must have been white, because the dog (Koko) always barks at colored people," Schottke told the jury.

Dr. Steve interrupted the murder morning quiz of Dr. Sam three or four times, Schottke said. Finally he was asked if he would stay out.