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SUSAN TELLS STORY TO POLICE



CPD 7-25-54
SIGNS STATEMENT AFTER
REVEALING DETAILS OF
AFFAIR WITH SHEPPARD

BACK HOME. Susan Hayes arrived at Cleveland Hopkins Airport last night for questioning in the Marilyn Sheppard murder investigation. Left: Miss Hayes alights from a plane, preceded by Assistant County Prosecutor Thomas J. Parrino. Following her is Homicide Detective Robert F. Schottke. Above: Miss Hayes in a police car driven by Detective John Doyle. Below right: Miss Hayes after she was questioned by Cleveland police.

'Other Woman' in Murder Case Is Questioned for Three Hours; Poses for Pictures After Session in Chief's Office; Slain Woman's Parents Also Dictate Account

BY JOHN G. BLAIR

Intimate details of her affair with murdered Marilyn Sheppard's husband—Dr. Sam—were revealed last night by brown-eyed Susan Hayes at Central Police Station.

The attractive, deeply tanned Rocky River medical technician was questioned for three hours, signed type-written statements and then posed for news photographers in Police Chief Frank W. Story's office.

Accompanied by Policewoman Irene Neal and two detectives, Miss Hayes left the station in a police car at 11:20 p. m. for a downtown hotel.

The 24-year-old love rival of Marilyn Sheppard left the station without being confronted by Thomas S. Reese, father of the slain Bay Village clubwoman.

Reese and his wife, Jane, step-mother of Marilyn, came to the station shortly before Miss Hayes' questioning ended. They were taken to the detective bureau on the third floor of the building.

Deputy Inspector James E. McArthur began taking statements from them immediately after finishing his questioning of Miss Hayes.

McArthur left the station at 11:40 p. m. and would not comment on the reason for Mr. and Mrs. Reese being questioned. The couple had left a few moments before.

Looking harried and tired, Susan was driven to Central Station upon her arrival by plane from Los Angeles at Cleveland Hopkins Airport at 6:50 p. m.

As she was questioned at the station, a crowd of curious milled around outside. From buildings across Payne Avenue N. E. from the station, men and women gawked from windows.

Chases Away Curious

A patrolman was sent out to order the curious to stop standing on an iron railing and peering into Chief Storey's office hoping for a glimpse of the "other woman" in Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard's life.

Susan arrived at the station at 7:20 p. m. and was questioned by Story, McArthur, Assistant County Prosecutors John J. Mahon, Saul S. Danaceau and Gertrude M. Bauer.

Around 9 p. m. she began dictating a written statement with Mahon and McArthur doing the questioning. Miss Bauer and Mrs. F. J. [illegible] secretary, directly on

Susan Tells Own Story Here, Signs Statement

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Susan then signed each page of the statement, after which McArthur admitted photographers. Reporters were told not to question the 24-year-old brunette.

Story said Miss Hayes was not in custody, but was being lodged in a hotel at her own request. Presence of a policewoman was also at Miss Hayes' request, Story added.

Chief Story said he planned no arrests last night in the three-week-old mystery. He refused to say if any were contemplated today.

More than 100 persons, including newsmen and photographers, were on hand when Miss Hayes was escorted down the unloading ramp of a plane and virtually thrown into the back seat of a police car by Detective Adelbert O'Hara.

O'Hara wrenched a reporter's hand from the car door handle and slammed the door, narrowly missing Miss Hayes' foot.

Returning from Los Angeles

with the pretty brunette were Assistant County Prosecutor Thomas J. Parrino and Homicide Detective Robert F. Schottke.

At the last minute the United Air Lines plane from Chicago was diverted to another passenger gate from that at which newsmen were waiting.

A police car dashed to the plane and stopped at the foot of the folding ramp which came from the nose of the plane.

Detective Sergt. Harold C. Lockwood and Detective James E. McHugh clambered up the ramp into the plane to get Miss Hayes to leave first.

Parrino preceded Miss Hayes down the ramp, and she was followed by Schottke.

Pushing away reporters, O'Hara grabbed Miss Hayes' arm and hustled her to the car and thrust her inside.

"I didn't ever see her" was the lament of one bobby-soxer left waiting at the gate.

Prior to the car's arrival at Central Station, a police detail was alerted in the Third District garage beneath the station.

Photographers and reporters were barred as Story and Deputy Inspector James E. McArthur waited there for Miss Hayes.

Using an inside stairway, so that Miss Hayes would not pass through any corridors, police escorted her to Story's office on the first floor of the station.

Talks in Chicago

While detectives prevented newsmen from talking to Miss Hayes on her arrival here, reporters in Chicago found her willing to talk.

"I am coming back to tell all I know," Susan said as she arrived at Chicago's Midway Airport.

She said she was "amazed and



MORE QUESTIONS FOR MARILYN SHEPPARD'S PARENTS.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Reese are shown on their way into Central Police Station offices last night during the questioning of Miss Susan Hayes.

surprised" to be the center of attraction for photographers.

Her eyes had a worried look, it was reported.

Susan confirmed that she had received a wrist watch from "Dr. Sam" while she and the doctor were together in Los Angeles.

But when she arrived here she was not wearing a wrist watch, despite the fact that she received a gift of one from Dr. Sam to replace one lost on a San Diego jaunt with the handsome Bay Village osteopath. Later she received the lost watch back.

"Asking Too Much"

When a reporter asked her about the reports she had stayed four days as a guest in the home of Dr. Arthur E. Miller in Los Angeles at the same time Dr. Sam was there, the comely girl said: "Now, that's asking too much."

She refused to speak to reporters further and was taken to a small waiting room to rest between planes.

Miss Hayes' light print dress complimented her deep brown eyes and brown hair with a hint of red in it.

Returns Voluntarily

The former Bay View Hospital technician returned here voluntarily to aid in the investigation of the brutal hack-murder of Mrs. Sheppard before dawn July 4.

She had been questioned by Parrino and Schottke in Los Angeles. Her story contained various contradictions of that given by Dr. Sheppard before a public inquest into his wife's death.

On the stand Friday at Normandy School, Bay Village, Dr. Sheppard denied more than a casual friendship with Miss Hayes, whose home is at 1680 W. 210th Street, Rocky River.

Won't Be Reconvened

Dr. Samuel R. Gerber, county coroner, said he did not plan to reconvene the inquest to obtain Miss Hayes' testimony.

He said the case was in the hands of Cleveland authorities, who have taken over direction of the investigation at the request of the Bay Village Council.

Dr. Gerber has the authority to order Miss Hayes held as a material witness and to set her bond.

Asked if he planned to hold her under bond, Dr. Gerber said: "That won't be needed."

This was seen as indicating

complete co-operation by Miss Hayes with the authorities.

Miss Hayes' return was the latest development in the three-week-old investigation that sometimes lagged or sputtered along in confusion.

As to the possibility of grand jury action in the bizarre case, both County Prosecutor Frank T. Cullitan and Dr. Gerber have not received the transcript of the recessed inquest.

When Dr. Gerber receives the transcript he will give it to Cullitan. Cullitan will decide then if he thinks grand jury action is needed at the time.

Confer With Mayor

Shortly before Miss Hayes' arrival Story and Safety Director John N. McCormick conferred with Mayor Anthony J. Celebrezze at City Hall.

Mayor Celebrezze said Story briefed him on the progress of the investigation since Cleveland took it over.

The mayor studied photographs taken at the Sheppard home, 28924 West Lake Road, Bay Village, where Marilyn was found dead in bed, slain by 25 splintering blows to her face and head.

He said Story was doing "better than his best" in tracing the now-cold trail of the vicious murderer.

Mayor Celebrezze said he had received a letter from Reese.

"Both myself and my family want you to know that we certainly appreciate your offer of the complete facilities of the Cleveland Police Department to help solve the horrible murder of my daughter, Marilyn Sheppard," the letter read.