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DOCTOR STUNNED BY HANDCUFFING

Placed in Solitary; Wears Collar, Removes It

BY ROBERT J. DRAKE

"I didn't think it could happen in this country," Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard told Bay Village policemen to whom he was handcuffed on his way to a County Jail cell shortly before midnight last night.

Protesting his innocence but showing no emotion, the 30-year-old accused wife slayer was led to the jail booking window through a blaze of flashing cameras and a crowd of some 50 curious spectators, mostly women, some with babes in arms.

He wore his orthopedic collar as Bay Village Police Lieut. Clifford Mercer and Patrolman Fred Drenkhan brought him to the jail at 11:30 p. m.

Removes Collar at Jail

During the booking, which took five minutes, he removed the collar. Later he was seen with his right hand pressed against the back of his neck as if to relieve pain—the same ges-

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ture noted by the first arrivals at the murder scene early on the Fourth of July.

The osteopath was casually dressed and wearing a suede jacket. The police had helped him into the jacket before handcuffing him when they left the Bay City Hall after the arraignment.

After being booked he was stripped to T-shirt and shorts and given a pair of over-all trousers that hung loosely on his tall frame.

The T-shirt was similar to the one which has been missing since the murder.

By midnight Sheppard was locked in a fourth-floor solitary confinement cell with a guard posted outside the door. The maximum security cell contains only a bunk and an iron bench. It has no windows.

Collar Goes With Clothes

For the time being, it appeared he would not be using his collar. It was picked up with the bundle of his civilian clothing.

Drenkhan, a friend of the Sheppard family, said the conversation on the way downtown skirted the case, by agreement.

"We had an understanding we wouldn't talk about it," he said. "We chatted about a number of other things. He showed no emotion."

The prisoner made no attempt to duck photographers. He blinked and paused momentarily as a dozen cameras blazed away at once, then slipped through the jail doors.

Jailers had had no warning of his coming except from newsmen.