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Text of Bay Hearing After Doctor's Arrest

This is an unofficial text of the hearing in Bay Village Mayor's Court last night when Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was charged with the murder of his wife, Marilyn.

Seated around the Council table in City Hall were Gershom M. M. Barber, acting mayor; Solicitor Richard S. Weygandt, Dr. Sheppard, Patrolman Fred F. Drenkham, Mayor J. Spencer Houk and Clerk Esther Aldrich.

Barber first instructed the many photographers they could take pictures before the hearing started.

BARBER—The hearing is now open. Have you read the charge?

DR. SHEPPARD—No (and shook his head).

BARBER—I will now read it. I, Gershom M. M. Barber, acting mayor, on information supplied by Police Chief John P. Eaton,

charge that you on or about July 4th did purposefully and of deliberate and premeditated malice kill one Marilyn Sheppard. How do you plead?

DR. SHEPPARD—Not guilty.

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BARBER—You have the privilege of counsel.

DR. SHEPPARD—My counsel is now on his way.

BARBER—Have you something to say, Mr. Weygandt?

WEYGANDT—I would like a continuance to bring witnesses not now available. I will also need time for preparation.

BARBER—Is that customary?

WEYGANDT—Yes, it is.

BARBER—I will set Saturday, Aug. 7, at 1 p. m., for a hearing. I instruct Chief Eaton to take Sam Sheppard to County Jail.

A bedlam broke loose as about 25 photographers and reporters all started to move at once. A photographer's light standard was upset.

Leaves Sentence in Air

DR. SHEPPARD (To Weygandt)—May I wait until my counsel arrives?

WEYGANDT—When was he notified?

DR. SHEPPARD—At the time I was . . . (he did not finish the sentence, but waved his right hand).

WEYGANDT—I see no harm in it.

BARBER—I'm not depriving him of any rights, but he can see him in jail. I want to clear this room.

With his right hand linked to Drenkhan's left by handcuffs and escorted by Patrolman Gerhardt Deutchlander, Dr. Sheppard was led from the room.