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REVEALS JULY 15 QUIZ OF DR. SAM

Kin Tells of 3½ - Hour Session in Fairview

The family of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, in a statement to the Plain Dealer by Dr. Stephan A. Sheppard, disclosed for the first time yesterday that Dr. Sam had been questioned for three and one-half hours on July 15 at the Fairview Park police station.

Dr. Steve said he was not at liberty to tell who did the questioning, but he said that place was chosen to avoid reporters.

In all, he estimated the questioning of Dr. Sam occupied more than 24 hours.

Statement Quoted

The statement said in part:

"During the day (of the murder, July 4), Dr. Sam was questioned in Bay View Hospital by Coroner Samuel R. Gerber, Police Chief John Eaton of Bay Village and on two separate occasions by two Cleveland detectives, Patrick Gareau and Robert F. Schottke, each time for more than one hour.

"During this period he was under heavy sedation and recovering from spinal and brain concussions.

"On Monday, July 5, he was questioned by Sheriff's Deputies Carl A. Rossbach and Dave Yettra at the hospital.

Quizzed Four Hours

"He was not questioned on Tuesday, but Dr. Richard A., Dr. Richard N. and I gave complete statements to officers in the interrogation room at the Bay police station.

"On Wednesday, the day of Marilyn's funeral, there was no questioning.

"On Thursday, he was questioned over four hours by Rossbach and Yettra, Dr. Gerber, Schottke and Gareau in the hospital. Also on that day, Chip (Dr. Sam's six-year-old son) was questioned extensively by Rossbach and Yettra at Dr. Richard senior's home. That afternoon, the entire family insisted on being finger and palm printed.

"On Friday, July 9, Dr. Sam was questioned for eight hours by Dr. Gerber, Rossbach, Yettra and Bay police, at his father's home.

"Unceasing Questioning"

"On Saturday he was grilled for nine and one half hours, without time out for lunch, in the county jail, by Rossbach, Yettra, Schottke, Gareau and Assistant County Prosecutor Thomas J. Parrino.

"Since then, he has been subjected to almost unceasing questioning. He has co-operated on every occasion.

"He was questioned on Monday, July 19, by Dr. Alan R. Moritz for two hours, and on the 20th by Sergt. Jay Hubach and Patrolman Fred Drenkhan of Bay. On the 22d, the coroner's inquest started.

"On the 27th, Chip was dragged back from summer camp and made to sit around for two days before they talked to him."