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# What Happened and When in Bay Village Murder Case

Here is the chronology of the Sheppard murder case:

**JULY 4:** At 5:50 a. m., Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard summoned his friend and neighbor, Bay Village Mayor J. Spencer Houk, to his home at 28924 Lake Rd. His wife, Marilyn Sheppard, was sprawled across her bed—bludgeoned to death by 25 or more savage strokes of a missing weapon.

That afternoon, the Sheppard family retained William J. Corrigan, noted criminal defense lawyer.

**JULY 5:** Baffled Bay Village police find no physical evidence of anyone else being in home at time of the killing but Dr. Sheppard and his son, Sam (Chip) Jr., 7, who slept through murder. Dr. Sheppard, in Bay View Hospital with injuries he said were suffered in struggle with the killer, is unavailable for questioning. His brother, Dr. Stephen Sheppard, announced that Dr. Sam had a broken neck.

**JULY 6:** First search of Lake Erie bottom off Sheppard beach with magnets fails to locate missing murder weapon.

## Doctor Leaves Hospital to Attend Wife's Rites

**JULY 7:** Dr. Sheppard leaves Bay View Hospital to attend Marilyn's funeral.

**JULY 8:** Four days after his wife's death, Dr. Sheppard submits to the first interrogation since brief questioning on the murder day. Cleveland homicide detectives were barred from participation in the interrogation. The Sheppard family offered \$10,000 reward for "arrest and conviction" of the murderer.

**JULY 9:** Dr. Sheppard refuses to take a lie detector test while re-enacting his recollections in the murder home.

**JULY 10:** Dr. Sheppard came downtown to Criminal Courts Bldg., wearing protective neck collar, and made a statement to the prosecutor's office.

## T-Shirt Found by Lake Spurs Investigators

**JULY 14:** T-shirt found in Lake Erie on neighbor's beach spurs hopes of investigators it might be missing garment worn by Dr. Sheppard night before murder morning. T-shirt had mysteriously vanished when he reported crime.

**JULY 15:** Laboratory tests eliminate T-shirt found in lake as evidence.

**JULY 16:** Dr. Sheppard ordered to "put away" gun he had been carrying for "protection" since his release from Bay View Hospital.

**JULY 17:** Dr. Sheppard said he was "confident" the killer would be caught and punished.

**JULY 18:** Bay Village police asked Cleveland homicide squad for assistance.

## Doctor Refuses Test

### Using "Truth Serum"

**JULY 20:** Dr. Sheppard refused to submit to "truth serum" injection. Bay Village City Council voted to turn control of investigation to Cleveland Police Department, with Bay paying expenses.

**JULY 21:** Cleveland Police Chief Frank W. Story reluctantly assumed command of the investigation. Assistant Prosecutor Thomas Parrino and Homicide Detective Robert Schottke were ordered to fly to the West Coast to check on trip the Sheppards took to Los Angeles last March.

**JULY 22:** Coroner Gerber opened public inquest at Normandy School. Dr. Sheppard

stuck to his previous account of being knocked unconscious twice by his wife's killer. He denied anything but casual friendship with Susan Hayes, former Bay View Hospital technician for whom he bought gift watch while on West Coast.

## California Host Gives Statement to Police

**JULY 22:** Dr. Arthur Miller, at whose Los Angeles home Miss Hayes and Dr. Sheppard were house guests, gave statement to police at Columbus.

**JULY 23:** Dr. Sheppard, sobbing when he described discovery of Marilyn's murder, denied having an affair with Miss Hayes.

**JULY 26:** Neighbor Nancy Ahern, recalled as inquest witness, admits Marilyn told her after return from California trip that Sam discussed divorce. Letters disclosed that she considered divorce several years earlier. Dr. Sam's parents admit Marilyn told them she was unhappy in California and often worried her husband was having an affair.

## "Other Woman" Tells of Intimacies With Sam

**JULY 27:** Susan Hayes is flown back from California. She tells police of intimacies with Dr. Sam, gifts from him and his hints of marriage.

**JULY 28:** Attorney Corrigan tells Police Chief Frank Story of two new theories in case which would clear Dr. Sam.

**JULY 29:** Cleveland officials, tired of "25-day stall," urge arrest of Dr. Sam.

**JULY 30:** Dr. Sam Sheppard is charged with the premeditated murder of his wife and is locked up in county jail.



**DECISION TO ARREST DR. SAM** was announced to newsmen by Richard S. Weygandt, Bay Village Law Director, at 10 last night. Standing on the front porch of his home at 579 Huntmere Dr., Weygandt read a two-paragraph statement.