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# SHEPPARD QUIZZED FOR 12 HOURS



# STORY IS UNCHANGED; DETECTIVES RESUME QUESTIONING TODAY

Dr. Sam Described as 'Very Well Coached';  
Parries Queries Throughout Session; T-Shirt  
Found at Perkins Beach Shown to Prisoner;  
Police Work in Relays

BY JOHN G. BLAIR

Questioning of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, accused wife slayer, halted at 11:40 last night at County Jail after nearly 12 hours of interrogation.

Homicide Chief David E. Kerr said teams of detectives would resume questioning at 8 this morning.

"After all, we don't want to give the man a third degree," Kerr said. "We don't want our questioning construed as anything like a third degree."

Dr. Sam had parried questions with teams of Cleveland detectives almost continuously since 12:30 p.m.

Kerr said the 30-year-old husband of murdered Marilyn Sheppard had been giving detectives "a lot of pleasant conversation but nothing too pertinent."

## Eats Supper

The only break in the questioning came at 4:30 p.m., when Dr. Sam ate his supper and took a quick shower.

As one of the team of detectives left the fourth-floor interrogation room, Dr. Sheppard was described as "very well coached."

Kerr described the Bay Village osteopath, who is charged with first-degree murder of his pregnant wife, as "well coached by his attorney."

Last night a T-shirt found at Perkins Beach at the foot of West Boulevard N. W. was taken in and shown to Dr. Sam.

## T-Shirt to Be Tested

Later it was taken to the homicide bureau at Central Police Station, where it was said it would be tested to see if stains on it were blood.

Capt. Kerr said Sheppard would be "systematically questioned" by detectives most familiar with the hack murder of Mrs. Sheppard, who was found in her blood-soaked bed at dawn July 4.

Detectives are trying to break down the prisoner's story of a mysterious intruder who savagely chopped his wife 25 times in the face and head and "clobbered" the handsome osteopath when he went to her aid.

## Repeats Story

Absence of evidence of anyone else in the Sheppard home and indications that blood had been wiped up on stairs leading to the bedroom are chinks in the story Dr. Sam has stubbornly repeated.

Detectives Patrick A. Gareau and Robert E. Schottke, who told Sheppard they thought he murdered Marilyn when they talked to him several hours after discovery of the tragedy, started the interrogation at 12:30 p. m.

Taking up the questioning at 5 p. m. were Detectives William Lonchar and Peter Becker.

## Take T-Shirt to Room

Detective Sergt. Harold C. Lockwood and Detective John Doyle carried the T-shirt into the room in a paper sack at 8:15. When Lonchar and Becker left they brought out the sack.

Whether Dr. Sheppard had identified the T-shirt as the one missing since the murder morning could not be learned. Perkins Beach is several miles from the Sheppard lake-front home at 28924 West Lake Road, Bay Village.

Doyle and Lockwood were succeeded by Detectives Adelbert O'Hara and James McHugh.

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# Doctor's Quiz Halting After 12 Hours; Resumes Today

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Just before the questioning began at noon, Dr. Sam conferred briefly with William J. Corrigan, criminal attorney who has been advising him.

Corrigan denied he had instructed Dr. Sam not to talk to detectives.

"The man's not guilty," Corrigan said. "Why shouldn't he talk?"

Corrigan added: "The more Dr. Sheppard co-operates, the sooner the mystery will be cleared up and the sooner he will be restored to active life again."

The lawyer bitterly berated the police.

"They haven't investigated anybody in the case except Sam Sheppard," Corrigan said.

Dr. Sheppard seemed to be co-operating with the detectives despite an earlier statement by him that he had been advised not to talk to the police or anyone else.

## Refuses Examination

The osteopath angered Police Chief Frank W. Story in the morning when he refused to be examined by Dr. Spencer Braden, brain specialist, and Dr. George P. Greene, police surgeon.

Story related that Dr. Sam said he had been advised by his

counsel not to submit to a physical examination.

The police chief quoted Sheppard as saying that, since he was an osteopath, he felt that he would not be given a fair and impartial examination by a medical doctor.

Dr. Sam added that he considered Dr. Greene and Dr. Braden "reputable and honorable gentlemen," however.

## Not Wearing Collar

"We have made him a bona-fide offer to give him every benefit of checking his physical condition as to whether he is fit for questioning," Story said. "He cast aspersions on the physicians as to their integrity. So now we are going to go ahead with the questioning."

Sheppard was not wearing the leather therapeutic collar and the sun-glasses which have identified him in news photos when Story visited him.

The prisoner spent a restful night in his cell, jailors reported. He ate the usual prison breakfast of cereal and coffee after awakening at 5:15 a.m. After breakfast he went back to sleep on his cot.

During the morning Dr. Eugene Mankovich, jail physician, made a routine examination of Sheppard and reported nothing wrong with his physical condition.

Dr. Braden and Dr. Greene said they noted nothing wrong with Dr. Sam's condition during their brief conversation with him.

## Fails to Get Writ

It had been planned to take Dr. Sam to Central Police Station for the interrogation.

However, it was decided to question him at the County Jail since a deputy sheriff would have had to accompany him and be present at the questioning if he left the County Jail.

An attempt by Corrigan to obtain a writ of habeas corpus and free Sheppard failed in the morning. Common Pleas Judge Frank J. Merrick set the hearing on the application for the writ at 10:15 tomorrow morning at Lakeside Avenue Courthouse.

## Charges Arrest Is Illegal

Corrigan's application said Dr. Sam's arrest was illegal.

The lawyer said the warrant charging first-degree murder was illegal in that it was issued by Gershom M. M. Barber, Bay Village Council president, who acted for Mayor J. Spencer Houk.

It was contended that a mayor or a justice of the peace cannot delegate his authority in the issuance of a warrant.

Should the warrant be found illegal, county authorities probably would obtain another and continue to hold Sheppard.

## Ball to Be Asked

Corrigan said he intended to ask for bail for Dr. Sam. There was considerable doubt that bail would be granted.

Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard, a brother of Dr. Sam, and Stephen's wife, Betty M., were denied permission by Sheriff Joseph M. Sweeney to visit the prisoner.

The couple appeared at the jail carrying a portable radio and a bag resembling a medical kit. After waiting for an hour they left the building.

They were told visiting hours are from 1 to 3 p. m. on Fridays.

Another brother, Dr. Richard N. Sheppard, did gain entrance into the solitary cell of the prisoner and visited briefly.

Sweeney said the exception was made because of the "suddenness of the arrest."

County Prosecutor Frank T. Cullitan indicated immediate grand jury action was not anticipated.

It was pointed out that considerable preparation would be necessary before the case was submitted to the jury. In addition, the current questioning may bring out vital information.

Detectives continued to go over the Sheppard home in



search for clues.

It was discovered there was blood on the upstairs hallway carpeting leading to the bedrooms of Chip, the Sheppard 6½ year-old son, and to a guest suite occupied by Dr. Lester Hoversten, who was in Kent, O. on the murder night.

Police received a report that the murdered woman had taken instructions in jujitsu and was capable of throwing a man weighing 250 pounds. They intended checking this out to see if it would explain Dr. Sam's injuries.

### **Golf Club Examined**

Turned into police was a broken No. 2 stainless steel shafted golf club found at the West Side Market. The club head had a red stain. While it was not considered likely to be the murder weapon, it will be tested.

Cleveland detectives reported Mrs. Sheppard's golf set was complete. It had been thought a No. 9 club was missing, but it was learned there was no No. 9 club in the set, a No. 8 iron being used by Marilyn.

Mayor Houk was revealed by Deputy Inspector James E. McArthur to have failed on two questions in a lie detector test taken by him voluntarily two weeks ago.

The test showed reactions when Houk was asked "What happened to the T-shirt?" and "Have you answered all questions truthfully?"

### **Holds Detector Erred**

Houk said that he had told the full truth and that the lie detector was in error, not he.

Mrs. Esther Houk, the mayor's wife, said neither she nor her son, Larry, 16, would take the lie detector test.

Houk said the family no longer considered the examination as a valid test.

"If you only knew what one phone call could do to a family," he said. "Just because we were friends we were humiliated.

He added that he had taken two tests voluntarily and in the spirit of co-operation. He said he "told the truth and the whole truth."

### **Mrs. Houk Quizzed**

The Houk's daughter, Lynette, 14, was asked by police what time she got home from a girl friends.

The girl was home in time to watch the late television movie before midnight July 3, Mrs. Houk said.

Richard S. Weygandt, Bay Village law director, disputed a printed report that Dr. Stephen Sheppard had been in contact with him prior to the issuance of the warrant.

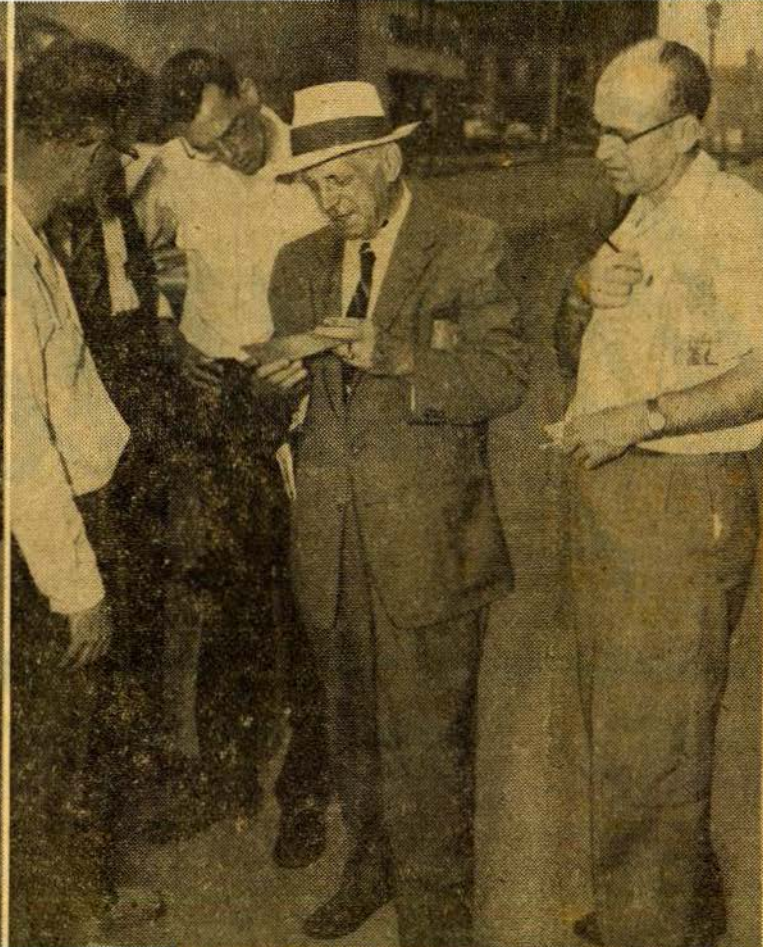
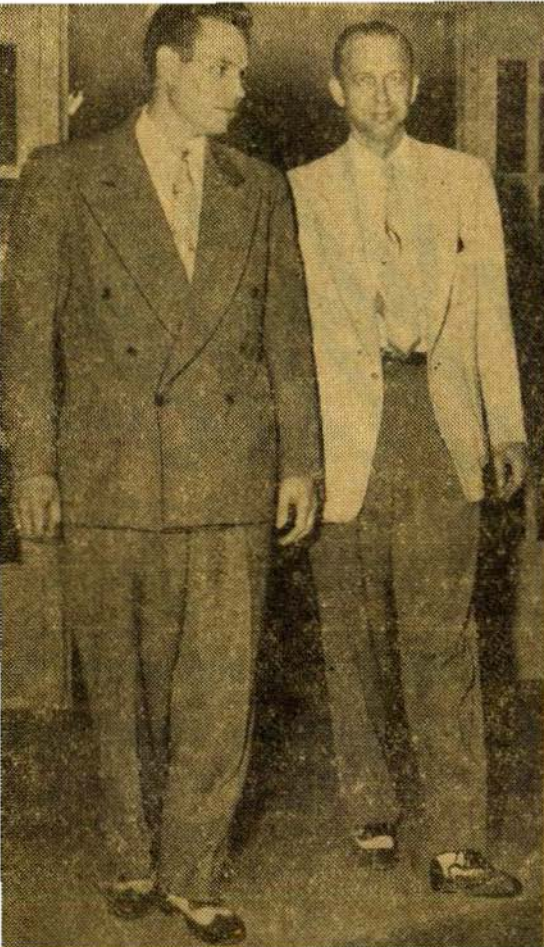
He said the first time he talked to or saw the Sheppards was at the hearing at the Bay Village City Hall when Dr. Sam was brought in by police Friday night.

Houk denied he told Police Chief John P. Eaton that Marilyn was afraid of Dr. Sam's temper and feared for her life.

Chief Eaton said that, if Houk said he did not tell him, then it must have been someone else who relayed the information to him. He explained he had talked to many persons on the particular day the information was learned.

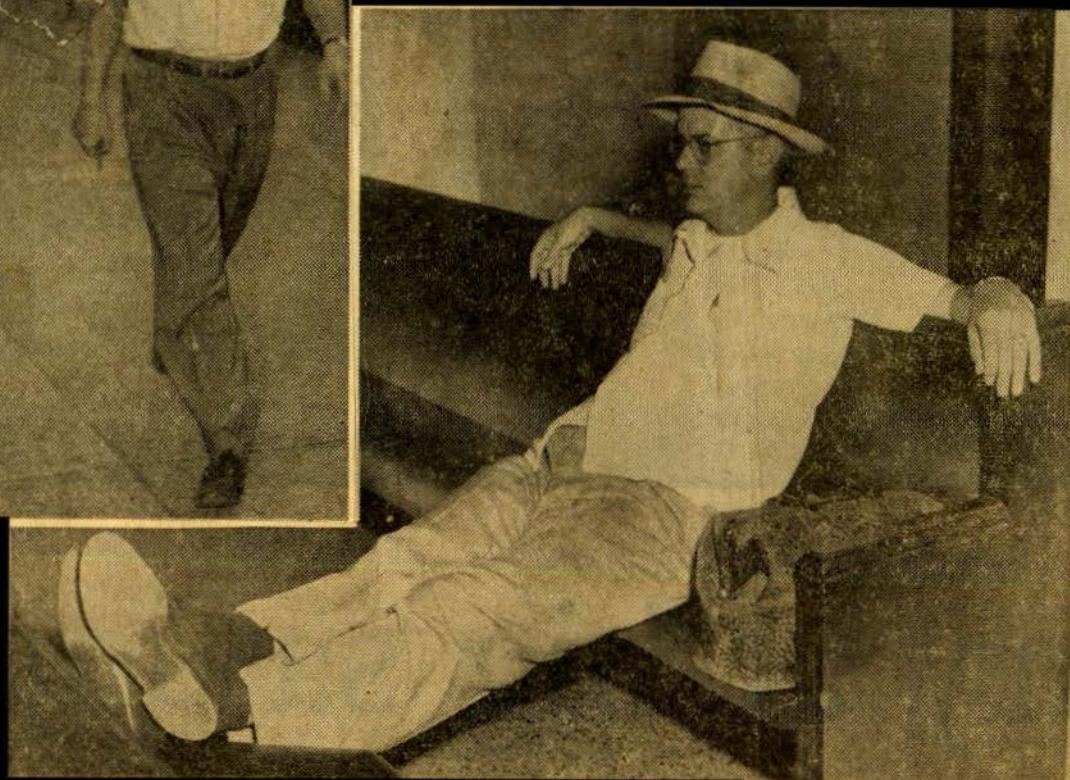
Houk was served a subpoena to appear at the habeas corpus hearing.





**RELAYS OF DETECTIVES** questioned Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard yesterday at the County Jail. Left: Detectives Patrick A. Gareau (left) and Robert E. Schottke leave the Criminal Court Building after questioning Dr. Sam for four hours. Right: Entering the building to take up where Gareau and Schottke left off are Detectives William Lonchar (left) and Peter Becker. Middle: William J. Corrigan, Dr. Sam's attorney, reads a statement to newsmen.





**ON THEIR WAY** to visit Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard in his County Jail cell yesterday (above, left) were Arthur E. Petersilge (left), one of his lawyers, and Dr. Richard N. Sheppard, a brother. Right: Another brother, Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard, cooled his heels while waiting for permission to see Dr. Sam. Dr. Steve was told to come back on the regular visiting day, Friday, from 1 to 3 p. m.