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Two Other Women May Face Doctor

Two additional "other women" courted by Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard in California may confront him at his murder trial.

Police Chief Frank W. Story disclosed that Los Angeles detectives have obtained statements from "Dottie" and "Margaret."

The searching investigation

of his past amours continued as Dr. Sheppard, back in his County Jail cell, protested his "undying love" for his murdered wife, Marilyn, and bitterly denied that he killed her.

But Detective Chief James McArthur expressed confidence that the state has strong evidence to prove the contrary.

"The wheels of justice are

beginning to grind in this case," McArthur said. "We have a good case to present in court."

A Los Angeles police report quoted one of the new "other women" as saying about Dr. Sam:

"I was attracted to him just like any other woman would be. He was friendly, attractive, wealthy, nice looking and with a good family background. No doubt many other women were attracted to him. He had a lot of glamour."

This woman, 27, and married, said that when she "was attracted" to Dr. Sam she knew that he was married. She said that there "certainly were never any intimacies between us."

The other woman is employed in a Los Angeles law office. She said that she met Dr. Sam at a church dance in 1951 and saw him about five times during a period of about six weeks.

"I quit seeing him after I learned that he was married," this 24-year-old woman told Los Angeles detectives. "He took me to dinner and to shows. I was never alone with him." She described him as being an "attractive, well-mannered gentleman."

Assistant Prosecutor John J. Mahon said the women's statements were being studied to de-

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termine whether they should be brought to Cleveland to testify at Dr. Sam's murder trial.

Warned on Talking

"Because the Grand Jury indicted him for first-degree murder," Mahon said, "the people of Ohio will probably demand the death penalty."

The first-degree murder accusation that Dr. Sam on July 4 did "unlawfully, purposely, and of deliberate and premeditated malice killed Marilyn Sheppard" was unanimously voted by the nine-woman, six-man Grand Jury late yesterday half an hour after receiving the state's final evidence.

Common Pleas Judge Arthur H. Day, who set 9:15 a. m. Friday for Dr. Sam's arraignment, admonished the jurors to keep secret the dramatic testimony they heard behind locked doors.

"Don't discuss this case with any individual, including your husband or wife," he advised.

The decision to return the indictment immediately and have Dr. Sam arrested at his father's home and returned to jail be-

fore nightfall was made by Prosecutor Frank T. Cullitan.

Cullitan had been incensed when Common Pleas Judge William K. Thomas ordered Dr. Sam's release on \$50,000 bail Monday.

Dr. Sheppard was to be brought before Thomas at 1:30 p. m. today for the scheduled preliminary hearing on his original July 30 arrest.

But Thomas wrote off the hearing with a brief journal entry:

"The Grand Jury having returned an indictment of first degree murder against the accused, the hearing for his arrest is dismissed and bail terminated."

Forty-five days after he reported the murder of his wife by a "tall, bushy-haired" intruder in their home at 28924 Lake Rd., Dr. Sheppard ate a jail breakfast of cornmeal, milk, bread and coffee.

His attorneys indicated that they plan a series of immediate legal challenges to the indictment.

Should these fail, they may demand a change of venue on the contention that public opin-

Bert Winston, foreman of the Grand Jury which indicted Dr. Sam Sheppard for murder, said he had an easy time obeying Judge Arthur H. Day's order not to discuss the case with anyone—"including your husband or wife."

"My wife told me she already knew all about the case," he said, "so there was no need to discuss it."

ion in Cuyahoga County has been inflamed against the accused osteopath by newspaper reports and statements of public officials.

Dr. Sam will enter his plea of innocent at the Friday morning arraignment.

His attorneys then will have an opportunity to renew their request that he be released on bail.

Judge Day said the case would then be set for trial in the court term which starts Sept. 7.

The trial cannot start until at least three weeks later, since it will take that time to summon the special venire of jurors required for a first-degree murder case.

Judge Day said he would order a venire of "about 100" prospective jurors—an exceptionally large number—"because of the wide publicity this case has received."

An alternative to a jury trial might be for the defense to request trial before a panel of three judges.

These would be Judges Edward Blythin, Parker Fulton and Day—unless the defense asked and was granted a panel of three out-of-town judges.

Such a motion, and also a demand for a change of venue, would be ruled on by Judge Day if the petition is filed before Labor Day. After then, it would become the province of Judge Blythin, who will be presiding judge of the criminal division for the fall term.

27 More Witnesses

McArthur said the 15-detective "Marilyn Sheppard murder detail" would soon be reduced to three full-time men—Sgt. Harold Lockwood and Homicide Detectives Robert

Schottke and Patrick Gareau.

They have a list of 27 additional witnesses to interview, McArthur said. Most are relatives and friends who might have information about the once private lives of Sam and Marilyn Sheppard.

Mahon said he is already preparing the list of prosecution witnesses. High on the list, he said, are:

SUSAN HAYES, 24, former Bay View Hospital technician who described West Coast intimacies with Dr. Sam to the Grand Jury. Mahon termed these "an important part of the background of and motive for the murder of Marilyn Sheppard."

DR. LESTER T. HOVERSTEN, 42, house guest of the

In his charge to the Grand Jury which indicted Dr. Sam Sheppard for first-degree murder, Judge Arthur H. Day said:

"There can be no public purpose served in indicting anyone unless it appears to you there can be a conviction upon the evidence presented."

Sheppards for three days prior to the murder.

J. SPENCER HOUK, Bay Village mayor, and his wife, Esther, first persons summoned to his home by Dr. Sam on the murder morning.

Both Houk and Hoversten were completely cleared by the authorities after being named

as "suspects" by the Sheppard family.

Dr. Hoversten appeared at the prosecutor's office this morning and said he would return soon to his home at Glendale, Calif., "but I'll be back for the trial or whenever you want me."

His comment on the indictment was: "I feel much better now."

Dr. Hoversten had been infuriated by the Sheppard family accusations, and demanded that he be given a lie detector test to refute them.

McArthur said police are prepared to follow up any other leads furnished by the defense in an effort to prove Dr. Sam innocent.

"The door is open at all times," he said.