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Barred Kin Will Visit Sam in Jail

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Sheppard and Mrs. Steve Sheppard, barred from further court visits at the Sam Sheppard murder trial until they are called as witnesses, have a date with Dr. Sam at his County Jail cell Saturday.

They left court late yesterday after Judge Edward Blythin ordered a separation of witnesses, but granted a defense request that one member of the family be allowed to be present at all times for consultation purposes.

Dr. Sam's lawyer, William J. Corrigan, asked that Dr. Steve be permitted to remain.

"We expected it," said Dr. Richard. He declined Bailiff Edgar Francis' offer to find them a room to wait in until the end of the court session.

"We're going right on home," he said. "I'm glad Steve can stay and represent the family. We'll be back whenever Mr. Corrigan calls us."

That will be when it is time for them to appear as defense witnesses.

And since that may be quite a while they made arrangements with Chief Jaller Mike Ucello to visit Dr. Sam at the jail Saturday.

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Lawyer Corrigan got sleepy after his light lunch yesterday so solicitous Si Steenstra, the jolly jury bailiff, turned his office and tan leather couch over to Sheppard's attorney.

Si turned out the lights, ordered phone calls shut off, and Corrigan enjoyed an undisturbed 45-minute siesta.

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One visitor to court was John Hess, an attorney in Alliance and former safety-service director of that city. He's a friend of Bailiff Francis, who arranged to get him in.

Hess got an extra kick out of his visit. At noontime he shared a cab to Hotel Hollenden with Robert Fabian, the former Scotland Yard sleuth. Fabian autographed one of his books, "London After Dark," for the appreciative attorney.

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While the state was introducing photographs of the body of Marilyn Sheppard into evidence, Defense Lawyer Corrigan leaned dreamily on a clerk's desk, back turned, as if disinterested.

But in a moment he walked back, beckoned to his chief aide, Fred Garmone, with a wag of his head.

"Fred . . . object," he commanded in a whisper, then slumped into a chair. Garmone entered a blanket objection to every photo.