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Mystery 'Margo' *Not Detroit Nurse*

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DETROIT—A Detroit nurse whose first name is similar to the missing and mysterious "Margo" wanted in the Sheppard murder case, today was crossed off the "amour list" by police. Mrs. Margot F. Pebbles, 32, who spells her first name with an "a" and a "t", denied she ever

knew Dr. Sam Sheppard in Los Angeles. At Detroit police headquarters, she took three lie detector tests, and Lt. Thomas Cochill said she was "cleared entirely."

The much-wanted "Margo" is presumed to be one of five women whose pasts have been linked romantically with the Bay Village osteopath.

Mrs. Pebbles, a comely, dark-haired nurse who was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., was also questioned here by Cleveland Detective Peter Becker.

She told Becker she had worked at the Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y., and in an Arizona hospital before going to Los Angeles in 1950. In 1950, she said, she had dentures made and under those circumstances was "hardly attractive to men." She couldn't remember which months she was employed at Los

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Angeles County Hospital. She had also worked at the Fraiser-endowed institution in Los Angeles.

'Never Heard of Him'

Dr. Sheppard was an interne at the county hospital there in 1950.

Reached at the YWCA here where she is temporarily living, Mrs. Pebbles was indignant about being questioned in connection with Dr. Sheppard.

"Why I never heard of him," she said.

She denied knowing any "Dottie," another Los Angeles woman who has also been named as one of Dr. Sheppard's women friends. Asked whether she knew other West Coast osteopaths, including Dr. Miller or Dr. Chapman, she also replied in the negative.

Mrs. Pebbles was married to a former Army officer in Denver, Col. more than three years ago. For more than a year, they have resided in Detroit where he is an auto salesman.

Becker and Lt. Cochill said they thought the tip was "hot" because Mrs. Pebbles had Cleveland connections and has been in Cleveland several times this year.

One of Mrs. Pebbles' closest friends, Miss Rita Sheridan also a Los Angeles nurse, formerly lived here. Miss Sheridan's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald O. Sheridan, live at 11316 Headley Ave.

Reached in Cleveland, Mrs. Sheridan said Rita and Margot worked together on the coast, and both had been in the Army nurse corps.

"I'm sure Margot is not the person they want," she said.

Becker agreed with Detroit detectives that Mrs. Pebbles was not THE "Margo," although Becker said he'd check out her story with Cleveland and Los Angeles sources.