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Police Check Out Movements of Ex-Patient in Tour of Bars

A former patient of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, fingered as a new "suspect" in the murder of the osteopath's wife, late yesterday demanded a lie detector test to prove he has no connection with the slaying.

The test will be administered tomorrow morning at Central Police Station.

The suspect, Phillip A. Schilling, 38, a former Bay Village resident, took Cleveland homicide detectives on a tour of West Side homes and taverns earlier.

He wanted to prove his story that he was nowhere near the murder home when Marilyn Sheppard was battered to death July 4.

Schilling voluntarily accompanied detectives here from Marine City, Mich., where he has been living, to establish his whereabouts at the hour of the brutal slaying.

Named by Family

He had been named as a possible suspect by members of the Sheppard family last Wednesday.

Cleveland homicide men said they believed Schilling's alibi. Capt. David E. Kerr said 12 persons questioned already had accounted for the "suspect's" movements at least until 2 a.m. July 4. Marilyn Sheppard died between 3 and 4 a.m.

Kerr said two more witnesses were to be interrogated.

"We are satisfied from the witnesses we have talked to that he has no connection with the Sheppard case," Kerr said.

Meanwhile, Schilling is being held in a jail cell at Central Station for investigation of a suspected probation violation discovered in his interrogation.

The Plain Dealer learned Schilling told detectives that he had been on a week-long drinking bout before July 4 and that a friend picked him up on the West Side at 2:30 p.m. on that date and drove him to Marine City.

Dr. Sheppard's trial for first-degree murder goes into its sixth week tomorrow. His story (Continued on Page 8, Column 4)
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is that he awoke from a nap on a lawn chair out, rushed to Marilyn's bedroom and was assaulted by a bushy-haired man, about six feet tall and black and wavy hair.

Dr. Sam's brother, Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard, identified Schilling yesterday.

"I think this is the most significant thing that has come to my attention since Marilyn's murder," Dr. Steve told Plain Dealer Reporter John C. Keizy.

"This is what (Detective Inspector James E. Mearr of the Cleveland Police) calls a red herring.

Quote Detective

Dr. Steve said he was informed by Honest Detective Peter Becker told authorities in Detroit, where Schilling was questioned Monday, "If we didn't have the right man in jail in Cleveland, we'd think this was the guy who did it.

Becker and Detective Vincent Morrow brought back with them a T-shirt and a mull file.

Dr. Steve said the T-shirt was spotted with the 17-inch file was discolored.

The file was said to have been found in the basement of a private hospital, where Schilling was admitted on July 6.

Dr. Steve's T-shirt worn on the eve of the murder was missing when police arrived to answer his message that "I think they've killed Marilyn.

According to Dr. Steve, Schilling was admitted to the Cleveland Hospital on Aug. 4, 1952, for treatment of acute gastritis and alcoholism. Dr. Sam signed his chart as attending physician and Dr. Lester T. Hovsrten as resident doctor.

Dr. Hovsrten, now a California internist, was a house guest in the Sam Sheppard home until a few hours before the murder and is scheduled to testify for the state, possibly tomorrow, on Dr. Sam's extramarital affairs.

Dr. Steve said Schilling was readmitted to Bay View on Dec. 19, 1952, for the same ailments, and stayed 10 days. The same doctors signed his chart.

On the first stay, Schilling gave a Marine City address and listed a Kenyon Tubbell of Kylia as the relative to be notified in case of emergency.

In December his address was given as 24327 Electric Drive, Bay Village.

Dr. Steve said he got his information about Schilling from Henry Myers and his wife, Thelma, co-owners of a private hospital in Marine City, and their business associate, Don Gulland.

This was Dr. Steve's account as told to him by the Myers couple.

Schilling appeared at the Marine City Hospital on July 6 and was admitted for treatment for alcoholism. He asked Mrs. Myers and the nurses to alter the patient's record to show he had been admitted there June 28, explaining that he had been in trouble in Cleveland with a girl named Betty.

This trouble, he added, consisted of his being on probation for having stolen some of her luggage, and he had failed to keep an appointment with his probation officer on June 29.

Called "Apprehensive"

He was quoted as saying he had been discharged from City Hospital on June 28 after a kid-