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Bay Death Suspect Here From Detroit

A 38-year-old former patient of Bay View Hospital was returned here today from St. Clair Mich. by two Cleveland homicide detectives as a suspect in the Marilyn Sheppard murder case.

The man, first fingered by Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard, fits the description furnished by Dr. Sam Sheppard of the prowler who murdered his wife and twice knocked him unconscious.

Brought on Own Request

Authorities in St. Clair describe the man as six foot two inches tall and having "bushy hair." They said he is an alcoholic and user of demerol, a barbiturate.

Although Police Capt. David E. Kerr said the man was returned here at his own request, his attorney said Cleveland detectives said they wanted to bring him back quietly so that it would not "set up a smoke screen for the defense" in Dr. Sam's current murder trial.

Supposedly Knows Judo

The attorney said the "suspect" had a divorced wife and a child in the Cleveland area and had admitted being here at the time of the murder. He said the man had undergone a cardiograph examination at Bay View Hospital two years ago and

knew Dr. Sam.

He was returned here by Detectives Vincent Morrow and Peter Becker who have been conducting an investigation in the Detroit area since Dr. Steve named the former patient and said he supposedly had a great deal of knowledge about the art of judo.