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ACADEMIC ENDEAVORS

When Common Pleas Judge William K. Thomas this week decided to free Dr. Sam Sheppard, the murder suspect, on \$50,000 bail, he undoubtedly reckoned that a storm of protest would be showered on him.



It was an unpopular decision and it accomplished only 30 hours of freedom for the Bay Village osteopath, at great cost to his family. Nevertheless, it was a courageous move because, in face of general disapproval, Judge Thomas followed the dictates of the law (as he saw it) in a constitutional manner. This HALO OF THE WEEK to Judge Bill Thomas for a fearless and innately honest decision within the framework of his own conscience.

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