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Mapping Trial Strategy

Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard hopes to put his time in the County Jail to "good use" by mapping strategy for his defense against the charge that he murdered his pregnant wife, Marilyn.

In the solitude of his cell, the 30-year-old osteopath is writing copious notes and suggestions for his attorneys.

Chief Defense Counsel William J. Corrigan declined to say whether he had hired a private investigator to attempt to solve the July 4 murder mystery by pinning the crime on another suspect.

The defense staff is expected to renew the effort to release Dr. Sam on bail, pending his murder trial, about Sept. 7. On that date, Judge Edward Blythin will replace Judge Arthur H. Day as presiding jurist of the criminal division of Common Pleas Court.

The defense strategists believe they would have a better chance of obtaining bail in a few weeks, when public interest in the case may have subsided.

While Dr. Sam was compiling an autobiography to aid his legal battery in defending him, Assistant Prosecutor John J.

Mahon was assembling another life story of the accused osteopath.

This account, Mahon said, is being evolved from police investigative reports, and will be used to portray a "background for murder" to the jury.