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Coroner Samuel Gerber today presented the county commissioners with a bill for $150 for "the construction of head in the Sheppard case."

The money is owed to Joseph Lucas, 5256 Oakmount Dr., Lyndhurst, Gerber said in the requisition.

The coroner refused further explanation. "I'll explain it to the county commissioners if they want additional information," Gerber said.

Lucas is the medical artist for the Cleveland Health Museum. Presumably, he fashioned a model of Marilyn Sheppard's head to be used at the trial of Dr. Samuel Sheppard. The prosecution will contend that her husband rained 27 savage blows on Marilyn's head in the July 4th slaying.

Lucas, on vacation, was unavailable for comment. A source at the Health Museum said he had been working at the County Morgue.