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Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard frowns at deputy sheriffs after he is booked at County Jail on a first degree murder indictment. The deputies are (left to right) William Elko, Michael Uccello and Carl E. Rossbach, the latter with his back to camera.

Evidence for Indictment Is Held Secret

Secret evidence—evidence that may send Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard to the electric chair—rests today in the hands of police, prosecutors and members of the grand jury, all sworn to silence.

It is this evidence, still a mystery outside official circles, upon which the grand jury indicted the young physician and upon which the prosecution will attempt to convict him for the murder of his pretty wife.

Judge Arthur H. Day's first act after receiving the indictment was to warn the jurors against gossip, as a protection for themselves, he said, and because "it might prove to be a handicap to the authorities."

"You are to refrain from discussing anything that has occurred," Judge Day told the jurors. "I particularly refer to the case where you have just returned an indictment."

Acting accordingly, Foreman Bert R. Winston and the 14 other jurors declined comment on the number of ballots required to obtain the required 12 votes for an indictment. All that is known is that their deliberations took just one hour after two days of testimony by 15 witnesses.

Members of the grand jury, which now will be discharged, are:

Foreman Winston, 2749 Ashley Rd., Shaker Heights; Mrs. Gladys Hendricks, 17301 Riverway Dr., Lakewood; Arthur R. Gutschmidt, 3245 W. 43d St.; Belva R. Andrews, 10801 Chipewa Rd., Brecksville; Mrs. Mary Cecelia Byers, 1358 W. 112th; Mrs. Catherine Carey, 1915 W. 52d St.; Mrs. Ester M. Bieger, 1455 Lander Rd., Mayfield Heights; Miss Frances Schumm, 1321 Giddings Rd.

Mrs. Rebecca McCutcheon, 14100 Jenne Ave.; John M. Martin, 1621 Galion Ave.; Mrs. Katherine Sharkey, 11023 Royalton Rd., North Royalton; John Zippay, 3481 E. 153d St.; John F. Doyle, 2011 W. 100th St.; Kenneth Moughtin, 859 Greyton Rd., Cleveland Heights, and Mrs. Lucille Murphy, 9801 Parmelee Ave.