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ADDS CITY POLICE

TIME IN MURDER

Tues., Aug. 24, 1954

Story Reports Bay Case
Took 5,400 Man-Hours

Cleveland police have devoted more than 5,400 man-hours to the search for the murderer of Marilyn Sheppard, a report to Mayor Anthony J. Celebrezze indicated yesterday.

The document, prepared by Police Chief Frank W. Story, was a summation of the time spent by his men on the Bay Village case from the day of the murder, July 4, until Aug. 18, the day after the indictment of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard.

Forty policemen participated in the investigation, Story said. These included the chief himself and other high-salaried officers such as Detective Inspector James E. McArthur and Homicide Capt. David E. Kerr.

How the suburb will be billed for these man-hours and other expenses incurred has not yet been determined, Mayor Celebrezze said.

Report to Be Computed

He forwarded Story's report to the safety department for a dollar-and-cents computation. City lawyers will be called in later to figure out a compensation formula.

In addition to the man-hours, the police report also lists 38 long-distance telephone calls made in the case, mileage accumulated by Cleveland police vehicles and traveling expenses and hotel costs.

Most of the outlay of city funds and manpower began on July 22, when Cleveland police were ordered to take charge of the case by Mayor Celebrezze.

The mayor took this step at the request of the Bay Village City Council, which appropriated \$5,000 for the project. Story's men have already spent many times that amount, it was indicated, if the wages of the Cleveland investigators are included.

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Some of the 40 men have been working continuously since July 22, in some cases more than the usual eight hours a day and without their regular days off.

McArthur's detectives are still checking leads.

Two members of the homicide squad, Detectives Robert E. Schottke and Patrick Gareau, had been engaged in the investigation on and off since the first day. They were withdrawn twice when McArthur charged they had been slighted by the other authorities.

Having bills of their own to pay are County Prosecutor Frank T. Cullitan, Coroner Samuel R. Gerber and Sheriff Joseph M. Sweeney, all of whom were active in other phases of the investigation.

Sheppard Has Quiet Day

Dr. Sheppard, who denies the fatal bludgeoning of his wife, spent an uneventful day in County Jail. He had only two visitors.

Dr. Richard N. Sheppard, a brother, spent a few minutes with him in the morning. This visit required special authorization from Chief Jailer Mike Ucello, as regular visiting hours are limited to two hours on Fridays.

Later in the day Defense Attorney Fred W. Garmone had a brief interview with his client while William J. Corrigan, chief defense counsel, waited downstairs.

"It was too hot to go up there," Corrigan explained.