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4 'Frog Men' To Hunt Death Club in Lake

A quartet of specially-equipped swimmers will enter unexplored depths of Lake Erie Saturday in a new search for the weapon used in the brutal murder of Marilyn R. Sheppard, it was reported today.

Equipped with aqua lungs and face-covering glasses, the swimmers are able to stay under water for more than an hour at a time and can reach a depth of 70 feet in their search.

Police Chief Frank W. Storey said the amateur "frog men" also wear fins on their feet during their underwater travels.

Story said the 70-foot depth would be far beyond that previously searched by divers in the area of Lake Erie behind the Sheppard home at 28924 W. Lake Rd., Bay Village.

He said the "frog men" also have an advantage over divers in that they swim rather than walk on the lake bottom and thereby can cover a much larger area.

Leader of the quartet is Jay Gorham, 26, of 347 E. 255th St., Euclid, leader of Boy Scout Troop 294. Assisting him in the new search will be Patrolman Edmund Kisiel, 41, of 9719 Plymouth Ave., Garfield Heights, Robert Fraedrich, 20, of 12505 Maple Ave. and Roger Oswald, 20, of 1009 E. 129th St.

While plans for the new search were being completed, Story disclosed that members of his department spent more than 5,400 hours in the investigation which led to arrest of the victim's husband, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard.

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