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# **Death Photo Circulated by Lawyer**

A print of the official police picture showing Marilyn Sheppard as she was found murdered on her bed is being shown to attorneys and officials at Lakeside Courthouse by Attorney John Corlett.

At least one judge of Common Pleas Court has been shown the picture.

Detective Chief James McArthur began an immediate investigation to find out how the print got into the hands of the attorney.

Corlett, a former state senator, told The Press "it got into my hands through a roundabout, circuitous route." He said he showed it to people he thought "might be interested."

Judge Samuel H. Silbert said his bailiff had been handed the picture by the attorney.

## **Silbert Spurns It**

"I glanced at it and when I saw what it was, I handed it back," Judge Silbert said. "I might have to hear some phase of that case and I wouldn't want anyone saying I had seen some of the evidence."

An official in the county clerk's office said the attorney took the picture out of his briefcase, saying "here's something you might like to see."

"I didn't care to look at it, as soon as I saw what it was," this official said. "It's too awful a thing to look at."

In Room 1 at Lakeside Courthouse, the picture was shown to some attorneys and court aides, a bailiff said.