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## RETURN FUGITIVE, CORRIGAN URGES

### Sheppard Lawyer to Call for Brownell's Aid

Billy O. Williams, 27, Florida fugitive held at Trenton, N. J., should be returned here to see if he might be the murderer of Marilyn Sheppard, William J. Corrigan, defense chief for Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, said last night.

Corrigan announced he would seek the aid of Attorney General Herbert Brownell, jr., in an effort to bring Williams here.

The lawyer said Williams had told Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard, a brother of Dr. Sam, that he might remember the murder if he was brought to the Sheppard home, 28924 West Lake Road, Bay Village.

#### Silent On Procedure

Corrigan would not divulge the procedure he thought Brownell could follow.

Williams is held on a federal fugitive warrant for Florida authorities. He was charged at

Tampa with kidnaping a wholesale banana dealer in June.

Corrigan said Williams had told Dr. Steve Sheppard that he was here prior to and including July 4 and had given names of people who knew he was in Cleveland.

At Trenton, it was reported FBI agents had questioned Williams "extensively" at the request of Cleveland police.

#### Story Seen Made Up

It was said Williams was anxious to avoid return to Florida and was thought to have made up the story that "deep down in my heart I'm sure I did it," referring to the killing.

Homicide Chief David E. Kerr said he was satisfied that Williams was "a mental case" who wanted to come here to avoid extradition to Florida. Kerr said he would confer with County Prosecutor Frank T. Cuullitan today on any further steps.

Assistant Prosecutor John J. Mahon said he did not know how Brownell could intervene.