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McArthur to Check on Jury Candidates in Sheppard Case

Cleveland Detective Chief panel will begin Oct. 18, when

James E. McArthur and his staff will be asked to investigate the backgrounds of 75 jury candidates selected in the Sheppard murder case, Assistant County Prosecutor John J. Mahon an-

nounced late yesterday.

Mahon said the aid of city detectives on juror checks is sought "as a matter of routine" in important first-degree murder trials. Defense attorneys are ex-

pected to conduct an investiga-

"We don't interview the pro-

tion of their own.

spective jurors personally," Mahon said. "Generally we check official records to determine their eligibility. In any panel of 75, anly 50 or 60 are qualified to serve and the rest are ruled out or are excused for one reason

or another."

Questioning of members of the

the elleged murder of his wife, Marilyn. The judge, prosecutor and defense attorney will take part.

The 75 names were drawn from the jury wheel at Lakeside

Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard goes on

trial in Common Pleas Court for

Avenue Courthouse in the morning. Sheriff's deputies will serve them with notices to appear for the trial.