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Woman Tells Police of Dates With Sheppard

Reveals Auto Ride in Park

BY HOWARD BEAUFIT

"Hugging and kissing" dates Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard had recently with a married Rocky River woman were revealed today by police investigating the murder of his wife.

Investigators said they had taken a statement from the woman, a former patient of the Bay Village osteopath, in which she admitted the amorous flirtation.

Detectives said they had now established five extra marital sprees in the life of 30-year-old Dr. Sheppard.

Detectives revealed they also have a statement from the Rocky River woman's husband, stating he had slapped her because she took a walk in the woods with Dr. Sam.

The woman told police she had "three or four dates" with the tall, handsome osteopath, and that they "hugged and kissed—nothing more."

Tells of Auto Ride

She said on one occasion they took a two-hour automobile ride and parked in Metropolitan Park. She is said to have admitted she was the "more aggressive" of the two.

On another occasion she said Dr. Sam and Marilyn Shepard were invited to dinner at her home, but only the doctor showed up. She said that during a brief absence of her husband from the house Dr. Sam kissed her. She added that his attentions started when she was a patient in Bay View Hospital after she had been injured in an auto accident.

"Bolstered by Doctor

The woman said that periods of depression followed the accident and that Dr. Sam bolstered her spirits.

Dr. Sam, questioned early in the investigation about this woman, denied any romance with her and said the relationship was strictly a "doctor-patient" relationship.

The four other women with whom the osteopath was said to have had romantic interludes were "Dollie," "Margo," and Susan Hayes, all in California, and an unidentified girl he

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parked with in Huntington Park near his home.

Questioning Ends

As investigators pressed their investigation into his extra marital affairs, Dr. Sheppard lay on a cot in his County Jail cell listening to a portable radio and reading "hot rod" magazines.

Homicide detectives have dropped their questioning of the laconic prisoner because he stopped answering their questions altogether.

Dr. Sheppard's attorneys filed two complaints with the Cuyahoga and Cleveland Bar Associations against Sheriff Joseph M. Sweeney, charging their client has been deprived of his civil rights.

The attorneys, William J. Corrigan and Arthur E. Petersilge, did not specify in what way Dr. Sam has been deprived of his rights while in jail, but they had previously complained that they were not permitted to see their client as often as they wished, and that he was removed to City Hospital for a physical examination without their being notified.

Corrigan and Petersilge also complained to the bar associations that their rights as attorneys had been violated.

Sheriff Sweeney, when informed of the complaints, said: "Both prisoner and counsel have been afforded all their rights entitled to under the law and according to well-regulated jail rules."

Out at the Sheppard home, 28924 West Lake Rd., police draftsmen were busy drawing a blueprint of all rooms and charting each piece of furniture and the trail of blood left by the killer. They located on their sketches each object found strewn on the floor around a desk and secretary, presumably by the killer-burglar, and noted the absence of blood spots among the objects.

It is assumed the sketches would be used as part of the circumstantial evidence case against Dr. Sheppard, to refute his story of what happened before dawn July 4 when his wife was battered 27 times with an unknown weapon in her bedroom while he slept downstairs.

Police Chief Frank W. Storey announced that new blood spots found in the house indicate the "confused wandering of the killer around the house, rather than a hasty exit after the crime."

Storey said that all evidence

gathered so far is being turned over to County Prosecutor Frank T. Cullitan and his staff for use at the preliminary hearing, possible grand jury action and trial.

Another legal fight to free Dr. Sheppard from jail will open in the Court of Appeals tomorrow. The court will act on a writ of prohibition, filed by Corrigan and Petersilge, to prevent the scheduled murder charge hearing in Bay Village Saturday.

The Appellate Court will also rule on a demurrer filed by Bay Law Director Richard S. Weygandt who maintains the preliminary hearing before the Bay Council president is legal.

The Saturday hearing could result in the binding over of Dr. Sheppard to the Grand Jury which is standing by to receive the first-degree murder case.