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Suit Explains Why Dr. Sam Wants

New Lie Exam

By Press Ohio Bureau

COLUMBUS—Just because Dr. Samuel Sheppard, serving life for the murder of his wife in their Bay Village home, refused to take a lie detector test when he was first arrested should not prevent him from taking one now, according to a brief filed with the Ohio Supreme Court today.

The brief was filed in the suit by the prisoners to force Maury Koblentz, state commissioner of corrections, to give him a lie detector test. The state's brief said that Sheppard, now at the Marion Correction Institution, refused to take a lie detector examination before he was brought to trial.

Sheppard turned down a lie detector test by Cleveland police, the brief says, because "the police were at that time being bullied by The Cleveland Press to arrest and prosecute Sheppard despite the lack of evidence against him."

Accuracy of a lie detector test depends, the brief claims, on the impartiality of the person giving the test.

"The Cleveland police were not then impartial in any sense but were under pressure to prosecute at any cost," the brief says.