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Sam Sees "Killer's" Face More Clearly

Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard may climax his fight against his wife murder conviction by naming the man he "feels" was the "real killer."

The Press learned today that:

DR. SAM HAS TOLD his family and close friends that "the features of Marilyn's attacker are coming back to me."

DR. RICHARD A. SHEPPARD, brother of the convicted osteopath, has given the name of Dr. Sam's "suspect" and a "woman accomplice" to police.

This man is one who also was named by the family as a "suspect" early in the investigation of the July 4 murder of Marilyn Reese Sheppard. Cleveland police have definitely cleared him of suspicion.

Word that Dr. Sam has been telling his friends that his mind is "clearing" on what happened in his home on July 4 came from a Bay Village resident who has visited him frequently in County Jail.

"Sam thinks he may be able to identify his attacker," this man said. "He has been able to give a little more description of the man he fought with.

"He says that everything is still pretty vague. But he has a feeling that the face of the intruder is coming back, that he now feels that some day he can name him."

This friend said that Dr. Sam told him the name of the man "whose face is coming back to me."

"Why didn't he tell this to the jury?" the friend was asked.

"He says he knows that he can't tell this new story without having some bits of definite evidence," was the answer.

Mayor J. Spencer Houk of Bay Village and three Sheppard murder trial jurors were subpoenaed this afternoon to appear as witnesses tomorrow at the hearing of a motion for a new trial for Dr. Sam Sheppard, convicted of murdering his wife. The three jurors were Mrs. Louise K. Feuchter, Mrs. Louella Williams and Foreman James C. Bird. A fifth person, George Dallas, a Plain Dealer reporter, also was subpoenaed by Dr. Sam's lawyers for the hearing.

The friend also said that Dr. Sam claims he is considering asking for the so-called "truth serum" test administered through the use of the drug, sodium pentathol.

Dr. Sam refused to take the serum test when it was suggested by Dr. Alan Moritz of the Western Reserve University pathological laboratory last July. He refused, he said, because at the time he did not want to "take a chance on implicating innocent people."

The visit of Dr. Richard in the office of Detective Chief James McArthur to talk about the "suspect and the woman accomplice" was a new approach for the Sheppard family.

Heretofore almost all contact with authorities was left to Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard.

Flakes of nail polish found on the floor of the murder bedroom were cited to McArthur in support of his theory that the "suspect" had a woman accomplice. The polish did not match Marilyn's.