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Top Ohio Court Gets Sheppard Lie-Test Plea

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COLUMBUS, O. (AP)—Counsel for Samuel H. Sheppard told the Ohio Supreme Court yesterday that no logical reason ever had been given to deny him a lie detector test.

Attorney F. Lee Bailey of Boston made the claim in a brief filed in support of his request to give Sheppard a test in the hope of freeing him from prison.

Sheppard is serving a life term for the second-degree murder of his wife, Marilyn, in their Bay Village home on July 4, 1954.

Sheppard has contended that an intruder murdered his wife.

Attorneys for the state say that Sheppard is not entitled to a polygraph test because he refused to take one at the time of his trial.

Bailey said in his brief that Sheppard refused because the test was to be conducted by a police officer. He said that counsel offered to have a test conducted by an impartial expert but that the offer was rejected.