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# SHEPPARD 'GAY SET' IS REVEALED BY HOUK

## Bay's Mayor Talks Again in Murder Quiz

BY HOWARD BEAUFIT

Mayor J. Spencer Houk of Bay Village today made a new statement to Cleveland police containing details of affairs participated in by his friend, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard.

Deputy Inspector James E. McArthur, who revealed the new statement, said the mayor contributed nothing, however, toward a solution of the brutal murder of Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard.

Mayor Houk, questioned twice before by police, once under a lie detector, added considerably to his original statement McArthur said, particularly about women the Bay Village osteopath was described as "playing around with" in the western suburb.

Mrs. Esther Houk, wife of the mayor, accompanied her husband to McArthur's office in police headquarters, but was reported in such a highly emotional state she could add nothing to her original statement.

Inspector McArthur said that Houk's statement reveals some of the social and nocturnal activity of a "gay set" in Bay Village to which Dr. Sam and his wife belonged.

Mayor Houk was the first outsider to arrive at the Sheppard home, 28924 West Lake Rd., the morning of July 4 in response to a call from Dr. Sheppard that advised him to "come quick—they've killed Marilyn."

Adds "Nothing to Story"

McArthur said that Houk added nothing to his story of what he saw or did that fateful morning in the Sheppard home.

The mayor himself denied he had give the inspector any new information, but said it was "just a rehash" of what I told him earlier.

It was believed that Mayor Houk's latest statement added new names to the list of five "other women" in the life of the handsome osteopath.

McArthur announced that police laboratory and scientific experts were now finished with their examination of the Sheppard home. He said the complete trail of blood spots around the house indicated that "somebody ran around after the murder like a chicken with his head cut off, undecided what to

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do with his bloody clothing, the weapon and himself."

As police settled down to routine checks and putting together circumstantial evidence for presentation to the County Grand jury, Dr. Sheppard's attorneys moved into the Court of Appeals in an effort to prevent his arraignment on a first degree murder charge scheduled for tomorrow before Council President Gershom M. M. Barberber of Bay.

### **Cullitan Hits Defense**

County Prosecutor Frank T. Cullitan charged defense attorneys with using "legal roadblocks" and threatened to take the murder case directly to the grand jury.

Although the preliminary hearing is set for tomorrow at 1 p. m. Bay Village Law Director Richard S. Weygandt said he would like to delay it to Monday morning.

Cullitan said if Defense Attorney William J. Corrigan objects to the delay he will start to arrange his evidence to present to the grand jury at once.