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Crime Expert Moritz Puts Lens on Kirk's 'Evidence'

Dr. Alan R. Moritz, medical crime expert, will make a report of his own on the "new evidence" submitted in the Shepard murder case, the pathologist disclosed last night.

Dr. Moritz, on the staff of both Western Reserve University and University Hospitals, said he was still engaged in a study of the affidavit written by Dr. Paul L. Kirk, defense-hired criminologist.

"I have agreed to assist the state in an unofficial advisory capacity," he put it. "My report will go to the county coroner and the county prosecutor, and it would be up to them to release it. I have not yet decided whether it will be verbal or written."

Assistant County Prosecutor Saul S. Danaceau said he was awaiting "technical advice" before he determines the form his counteraffidavits will take.

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Apparently this was a reference to Dr. Moritz and the coroner, Dr. Samuel R. Gerber. Danaceau, critical of Dr. Kirk's document because it contained "not even claimed new facts," has already said his reply would be "very brief."

Deadline for the prosecutor's papers to be filed with Common Pleas Judge Edward Blythin is Wednesday. Judge Blythin must decide whether the defense affidavits warrant the granting of a new trial to Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, who was convicted of second-degree murder in the death of his wife.

Earlier in the day, Dr. Kirk, who has assisted prosecutors in California in their investigations, visited Judge Blythin in his chambers before taking a plane to the West Coast.

He told the judge he must return to the University of California because of the press of classroom work, but he added he would hold himself available if Judge Blythin should desire his oral testimony.

In discussing the case with reporters, Dr. Kirk struck back against the prosecutors and his advisers, who termed his 50-page affidavit, which included his accounts of laboratory experiments, an "opus of fantasies."

Dr. Kirk reiterated his position that Dr. Sheppard was proved innocent by the experiments, most of which concerned the distribution of blood in the murder bedroom.

"The state can't dispute the facts put forth in my affidavit, and so they say that no new facts have been presented," he told the newsmen. "In police work, when you find a fact, you've got to follow it up—not just argue against it."