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Dr. Sam Asks Court to Order Lie Test

Counsel for Samuel H. Sheppard asked the Ohio Supreme Court yesterday to compel Ohio prison officials to permit a lie detector test.

The new action, one of long series since Sheppard was convicted in 1954 of the bludgeon slaying of his wife in Bay Village, comes several months after a request that the court permit the use of hypnosis in attempting to restore Sheppard's memory.

Sheppard's lawyers, F. Lee Bailey of Boston and George H. Faust of Cleveland, filed the action, they said, in an effort to produce evidence in Sheppard's behalf, the Associated Press reported from Columbus.

MRS. SHEPPARD was beaten to death with an unidentified instrument in early morning of July 4, 1954, at their home.

Sheppard has consistently denied guilt, insisting that a bushy-haired intruder was responsible. Sheppard was con-

victed of second-degree murder.

Sheppard said yesterday through his attorneys that he was "now represented by counsel who have expert knowledge of, and are thoroughly familiar with, a scientific method of testing all statements for truthfulness or deception . . ."

In an earlier petition for hypnosis, M. C. Koblenz, state superintendent of correction, denied he had authority to admit hypnotic experts in state prisons.

IN 1957, former Republican Gov. C. William O'Neill at one time agreed to a lie detector test for Sheppard, then rescinded permission.

Bailey went to Democratic Gov. Michael V. DiSalle in late 1961 and early this year in an effort to get a lie detector test, but DiSalle declined on the ground the case was now a matter for the Pardon and Parole Commission.