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Seeks More 'Freedom'

Pending Appeal

Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard today announced he is ready to begin serving his Ohio Penitentiary life sentence for second degree murder of his wife in their Bay Village home last July 4.

Associate Defense Counsel Fred W. Garmone said that Dr. Sam "feels he will have more freedom at the Ohio prison rather than at County Jail while his sentence is being appealed in the higher courts. Previously he chose to remain at County Jail until the Appellate Court completed action on his case.

The Court of Appeals is scheduled late today to make its findings public on the claim of "new evidence" offered by Dr. Paul L. Kirk, professor of criminology at the University of California.