

JAY H. HUBACH, being first duly sworn,  
was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION OF JAY H. HUBACH

By Coroner Gerber:

Q What is your name, please?

A Jay H. Hubach.

Q Where do you live?

A 29020 Westwood, Bay Village.

Q How long have you lived in Bay Village?

A 36 years.

Q Are you on the police force of Bay Village?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you respond to a call at the residence of Dr.  
Sam Sheppard?

A Yes, sir.

Q What time was this?

A We received the call approximately 6:10.

Q What time did you get there?

A I estimate it to be about ten minutes later which  
would make my arrival about 6:20.

Q Where were you when you received the call?

A In bed.

Q How did you time the call?

A The call was timed approximately from Fred Drenkhan's

original call through the fire chief at the fire station .

Q You got the call, you got out of bed, got in your car and went over to the Sheppard home, is that it?

A That's correct.

Q And you got there about 6:20?

A Approximately.

Q How far did you have to go?

A It is not more than a half mile.

Q What did you find when you got there, just go on and tell me?

A Upon arrival at the scene I was met by Dick Sommer, who was the fireman for the village, and who had been operating the ambulance that day. And the first thing he told me he says, "Get ahold of yourself, it is Marilyn, she had been murdered." With that I went to the front entrance of the home, that is, the Lake Road entrance, and went in. Upon entering the hallway I was met by Mrs. Houk who directed me through the kitchen towards the landing. Before entering the kitchen I did notice a bag. It was seemingly up-ended and the contents on the floor. I went upstairs. The room of the murdered person was right at the end of the stairs, and I walked in. The door was splattered with blood, and in the room itself there were two twin beds of the four poster type. The body of Mrs. Sheppard was on the bed closest to the

entrance of the door. Do you want me to place the body and all that?

Q Go ahead.

A The body of Mrs. Sheppard was lying face up, her head approximately three feet from the head of the bed, which would be the south or southerly direction, and the feet were extended over the bed, bent at the knees, which would be in a northerly direction. You want full description?

Q Yes.

A I noticed the head, especially around the upper left, of the eye, was severely lacerated with innumerable cuts. There was a great amount of clotted or coagulated blood around her face, head, and hair. Her shirt blouse was pulled up over the chest. Her arm, her right arm was extended along her side. Her left arm was bent approximately at the elbow and across the stomach. From this point down there was a sheet that covered the lower extremities.

Upon looking around the room I noticed that there were no outward appearances of any type of a struggle, that is, nothing seemed to be disturbed as to being upset. I noticed the chair in what would be the northeast corner of the room closest to this bed where the body was on, and there was clothing on this chair. It was a rocking

type chair. There were two pair of shorts, one white, one blue, a bra, these were on the seat of the chair. On the back of the chair was a shirt, it was either a tan or a light beige with rolled sleeves. In other words, it was a long sleeved shirt that had been rolled up. Underneath that there was a sweater, I believe it was navy blue in color. Next to the chair there was a pair of loafer type light colored moccasins.

From the room I went and started a search of the premises. Upon going down the stairs went through the living room and at this time noticed the desk which was a secretary, it is at the north side of the home and to the west of the rear door leading to the lake. I believe they assume this to be their front door or they term it their front door. This desk, the lower drawers of which were standing more or less ajar, the top of the desk was littered and on the floor there were a number of papers strewn about. Among them were tax stamps et cetera.

Going to the door, the door was standing what you would call half-way open. I went through the doorway, out onto the porch, through the screen door which was wide open, and from there I proceeded to the stairway down to the beach. [REDACTED] the firemen, Ronald Callahan and Dick Sommer. We went down

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to the beach house, got to the end of the stairs, at that time the water I believe would be close to two and a half to three feet from the retaining wall, that is, the wash of it. At this point we could see no evidence of any foot prints or disturbance of the sand. There were two fishermen on the pier at Huntington Park and Dick and Ronnie walked over towards them to talk to them, at which time I returned upstairs, started back into the home and met up with Fred Drenkhan. At that time we discussed the matters and I got my first-hand information of what had taken place.

I started back down the stairs again to go and contact these fishermen personally, and met the Chief and the Mayor coming back up the stairs. And he said he had already obtained the information that we wanted from these fishermen. So with that I turned around and went back to the cruiser and called into the station, put out an all car and station broadcast to pick up any and all vagrants or suspicious persons that might be on the highway. As I came back out of the police car I was met by the Mayor and we talked, and in the talk, the conversation it was brought out that the Aherns were believed to have been the last ones to have seen these people. So we decided to go over and talk to the Aherns and see what we could learn.

At this point we proceeded to the Ahern residence. Shortly after arrival, in fact before we had ascertained too much information I got a telephone call to the effect that there were two vagrants that had been picked up by Avon Lake Police Department at our station and to proceed there for questioning, which I did.

Q Did you make an inspection or examination of the various rooms on the first floor?

A No, sir, I didn't get into the study at all.

Q Did you make an inspection of the couch in the living room?

A I can't say that I made a real inspection of it, doctor. I did look at it.

Q What did you notice?

A I noticed where, that the coat was in a folded condition at the end of the bed or the end of the couch.

Q Was it disturbed, folded up nicely?

A Well, as though someone would lay it there.

Q It wasn't wrinkled?

A I can't be sure on that. Off-hand I would say no.

Q How about the rest of the couch?

A I can't recall that.

Q What time was this that you were making these ob-

servations?

A This was as I came down from the upstairs. So I would say roughly about 6:35.

Q Were you there when Dr. Sam Sheppard left and Chip Sheppard left?

A I wasn't there to see them. I was on the premises, but I never saw Dr. Sheppard at all.

Q You never saw Dr. Sam Sheppard?

A No, sir.

Q Did you see Dr. Richard and Dr. Stephen Sheppard?

A No, sir.

Q What time of day did you see them at the Sheppard home, at the Sam Sheppard home?

A I don't actually recall seeing them at the Sheppard home, at all.

DR. GERBER: Thank you ever  
so much.

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