

Tuesday, July 24, 1954, 2:30 o'clock P.M.

Hearing resumed in the Coroner's Office,
2121 Adelbert Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

Present:

Samuel R. Gerber, Coroner

Saul S. Danaceau, Asst. County Prosecutor

James E. McArthur, Chief of Detectives
City of Cleveland

Betty Sheppard (Mrs. Stephen A. Sheppard)

Samuel Reese (Chip) Sheppard

SAMUEL REESE (CHIP) SHEPPARD, being
first duly sworn was examined and testified as
follows:

EXAMINATION OF SAMUEL REESE (CHIP) SHEPPARD

By Coroner Gerber:

Q What is your name?

A Chip.

Q What is your full name?

A Samuel Reese Sheppard.

Q What is your middle name?

A Reese.

Q And your nickname?

A Chip.

Q How old are you?

A Seven.

Q What grade in school are you?

A I will be in the second next year.

Q Do you know where you live, the address?

A Bay Village, 28924 Westlake Road.

Q What school do you go to?

A Glenview School.

Q Do you know what street that is located on?

A I think it is on Wolf.

Q On Wolf Road?

A I am not sure.

Q Are you in a summer camp now?

A Yes.

(Memorandum of name and location of camp
made off the record.)

Q Do you know what it means to tell the truth?

A Yes.

Q Now will you hold up your right hand?

(Witness holds up his right hand.)

Q Do you solemnly swear that you will tell the truth?

A Yes.

Q All the truth?

A Yes.

Q And nothing but the truth?

A Yes.

Q So held you God?

A Yes.

Q Do you know what God is?

A Yes.

Q Do you remember when you had some robbers at your house?

A Yes.

Q Will you tell me what you know?

A I don't know anything except in the morning I just found out about it.

Q And what did you find out?

A That my dad had a bad bump on his head. My mother's face was cut up and my dad had a bad bump on his head.

Q Go ahead and tell me what else you found out?

A I don't think I found out anything else.

Q Did you see your dad's bump?

A No.

Q Did you see your mother's face cut up?

A No. I didn't see my mother.

Q Did you hear anything during the night?

A No.

Q And after you learned about the bad bump what happened to you then?

A Aunt Betty and Uncle Richard -- I mean Aunt Dorothy

and Uncle Richard came.

Q Did you get up during the night?

A No.

Q Did you hear any noise during the night?

A No.

Q Who woke you up?

A My Uncle Richard.

Q Was that just before they took you to your Uncle Richard's house?

A Yes.

Q Were you sleeping that night?

A Yes.

Q You say that Uncle Richard woke you up?

A Yes.

Q Did you see anyone else that morning?

A I saw the doctors.

Q You saw the doctors?

A Yes.

Q Did you see anyone at the house, at your home, at your house? Who else did you see?

A I didn't see Kokie my dog.

Q Do you know the Mayor?

A Yes.

Q Did you see him?

A Yes.

Q Do you know the Mayor's wife?

A Yes.

Q Did you see her?

A No.

Q Do you know the Mayor's boy? Larry, is that his name?

A Yes.

Q Did you see him?

A No.

Q Do you know which bedroom your daddy slept in?

A No, I didn't think he was sleeping in his bedroom.

Q Any other time, not that night but before that?

A Well, there is a hall and then there is a bathroom and then there is a room and then there is another room beside it and that's where my mother and dad slept together. And then sometimes when a lot of them are there they go up the stairway straight up into the room into the bedroom.

Q In which bed did your daddy sleep in?

A My dad sleeps in the one next to the window.

Q Did you see Kokie the dog later on that day?

A No.

Q Did you see him the night before?

A No, I don't think so.

Q Did you have supper with the two Ahern children?

A Yes.

Q That was where?

A That was at their house.

Q Or your house?

A Their house I think.

Q Where was KoKo then?

A She is at our house.

Q What is the dog's full name?

A Kokie Sheppard.

Q It was a nice dog, Kokie?

A Yes.

Q Did she like you?

A Yes.

Q Did Kokie go where you went?

A Sometimes.

Q Who called Kokie most of the time to come to him?

A Well, I think I did.

Q You think you did?

A Yes.

Q Did KoKo bark?

A I think she barked that night.

Q Did KoKo make much noise usually?

A Not too much.

Q Is Kokie usually quiet?

A Yes.

Q What makes you think Kokie barked that night?

A Well, somebody told me.

Q Oh, somebody told you?

A I think.

Q Did you hear Kokie bark?

A No.

Q Where did Kokie usually sleep?

A She sleeps in the kitchen.

Q Were the doors closed?

A No.

Q When she slept in the kitchen?

A No.

Q She stayed there of her own accord?

A Yes. When we first got her we had to shut her up.

We don't shut her up any more.

Q Do you know who put Kokie to bed that night?

A No.

Q Who put you to bed that night?

A My mother did.

Q Did you sleep with the light on in your room?

A No.

Q Was there a light in the hall?

A There are two lights in the hall, but they were not on.

Q There were two lights in the hall, but they were not what?

A But they were not on.

Q Was the light on in your room?

A No.

Q Were there lights any place else on the second floor?

A There was a light in my room right next to my dresser.

Q Was the burning?

A No, that is the only light in my room.

Q Did you go to sleep before the two Ahern children went home?

A No.

Q They went home first?

A Yes.

Q Do you remember what your daddy was wearing that night, what kind of a jacket?

A No.

Q Do you remember what kind of pants he was wearing?

A Well, I think I know the jacket, the color of the jacket, I think it was red and yellow with a blue B on it.

Q Who was wearing that?

A My dad, I think.

Q Did your daddy show you how to punch the punch bag that night?

A Yes.

Q Who did he show it to, you?

A He showed it to Mike Ahern first.

Q And what is the other girl's name?

A I think Leslie.

Q After that you came upstairs?

A We ate dinner.

Q In the kitchen?

A Well, the kids ate in the kitchen and the parents ate out on the porch.

Q What did you have to eat?

A We had ham.

Q Did you have blueberry pie?

A Yes.

Q Did you fall right asleep when your mother took you up to bed?

A No.

Q Did you stay up for a while, stay awake for a while?

A Just for a little bit.

Q Did you hear anything then? Did you hear people talking or anything at all?

A No.

Q Do you read while you are in bed or play when you are in bed?

A No.

Q With toys?

A No.

Q Did you hear any loud noises?

A No.

Q Did you hear any loud noises later on?

A No.

Q Did you have to get up to go to the bathroom?

A No.

Q Did mommie wake you up during the night after you went to sleep?

A No.

Q Did your daddy wake you up after you went to sleep?

A No.

Q Did anybody wake you up?

A No.

Q Until your Uncle Richard woke you up?

A No.

Q Did you wake up of your own accord?

A Well, my Uncle Richard carried me downstairs and I woke up in the hall I think or else in the kitchen. Do you remember what kind of lights are in your daddy's bedroom?

A No.

Q Where was the telephone in your daddy's bedroom?

A Well, there is a little table right beside and there is a lamp there and there is a telephone.

Q What kind of a lamp was that?

A Well, I don't know.

Q Was it a big one or a little one?

A It was a small one.

Q What was it made of?

A I think it was made out of copper.

Q Copper?

A Yes, or lead.

Q What color was it?

A Gold.

Q Was it on the stand where the telephone is?

A Yes.

Q And that is between the two beds?

A Well, see, that was not the bed -- were you talking about the twin bedroom?

Q Yes.

A There isn't a lamp in there. There is a little light up between the beds and there is a little table. There is the same thing that I was talking about except that there wasn't any lamps where they keep the telephone.

Q There was not any lamp in that twin bedroom?

A No.

Q Where was the light?

A It was up between the beds.

Q In the ceiling?

A In the ceiling.

Q This other lamp that you are talking about was that in

the room where you had the single bed?

A Yes, in the great big bed.

Q Do you remember Dr. Hoversten?

A Yes.

Q Was he sleeping in that room?

A Yes.

Q That is where the lamp is that you are talking about?

A Yes.

Q Did you see Dr. Haversten that night or that day?

A I saw him that day.

Q Did he go away?

A Yes, he went to another person's house to stay all night and play golf in the morning.

Q Do you know what time he left?

A No.

Q Was it in the evening?

A Yes.

DR. GERBER: I want to thank you
ever so much. I am glad you came.

EXCERPT FROM TESTIMONY OF SAMUEL REESE (CHIP) SHEPPARD

Q Where is the summer camp?

A In Pennsylvania.

Q What is the name of the town?

A I don't think I know.

Q What is the name of the camp?

A Camp Ha-a-tod-nac and the boys camp is Oak Leaf.
