

WHEREUPON, the State of Ohio,  
further to maintain the issues on its part  
to be maintained, called as a witness  
NANCY AHERN, who, being first duly sworn,  
was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION OF NANCY AHERN

By Mr. Spellacy:

Q I am going to ask you to speak up nice and loud so  
that everybody in the courtroom can hear you. Will you do  
that?

A Yes, sir.

Q Will you state your name, please?

A Nancy Ahern.

Q Would you spell your last name, please?

A A-h-e-r-n.

Q Where do you live?

A Scottsdale, Arizona.

Q Your husband is Donald Ahern?

A That's right.

Q Now, directing your attention to 1954, did you live  
in Cleveland at that time, or the Cleveland area?

A Yes.

Q Where did you live?

A In Bay Village.

Q Where in Bay Village?

A On Lake Road.

Q Approximately where on Lake Road did you live?

A Shall I give you the address?

Q Do you remember the address?

A 29146.

Q That is in the city of Bay Village?

A That's right.

Q What side of Lake Road would that have been on?

A The lake side.

Q The north side?

A Is the lake north? North.

Q The lake side of the road, then; did you during the course of the year 1954 know Marilyn and Sam Sheppard?

A Yes.

Q How long had you known them prior to 1954?

A Year and a half.

Q Now, where in relation to their home did you live?

A Five houses away.

Q When you say away, would that be towards town or away from town?

A Away from town.

Q That would be west, then?

A With a cemetery in between.

Q Pardon me?

A A cemetery in between.

Q Directing your attention to July 3rd, Saturday, July 3, 1954, did you have occasion to see Marilyn and Sam Sheppard that day?

A Yes, we did.

Q Where did you see them that day?

A I saw Marilyn at their home before I went shopping.

Q What time would that have been?

A Oh, dear. In the late afternoon.

Q Did you have occasion to see them at your home sometime that evening?

A Yes. They came to our house somewhere between six, seven o'clock.

Q And who came to your home at that time?

A Marilyn and Sam.

Q Did they have anybody else with them?

A No. Oh, their son, Chip.

Q Had you made plans to do anything that evening with them?

A Yes. Marilyn had asked us to come for supper, and I had in turn asked them to come over and have a drink beforehand.

Q Now, when they arrived at your house sometime between six or seven, what if anything did you do then?

A I mixed some drinks. We had drinks and talked a while,

and then Marilyn left to attend to her dinner, and I went to change clothes.

Q How many drinks did you have, do you recall?

A Two at the most.

Q Approximately what time did Marilyn leave?

A Oh, my, I would assume probably quarter of eight, eight o'clock, somewhere in that neighborhood.

Q Did you have occasion to leave your home after that?

A No, just to go to their house.

Q How long after Marilyn left, did you leave, your best recollection?

A Oh, probably 45 minutes or so, maybe an hour.

Q When you went over to the Sheppard home who did you go over with?

A I think Mr. Ahern and I drove down together with the children or walked down. I can't remember.

Q Do you know where Sam Sheppard was at that time?

A I think he had been called back to the hospital, or he was back by then.

Q Back where?

A At their house, I am sorry; I can't remember.

Q And when you got to their home, did you see Sam Sheppard there?

A I am quite sure I did.

Q What if anything did you do when you got to their

home?

A I went in the kitchen to see if I could help.

Q Did you have dinner there that evening?

A Yes, we did.

Q Do you recall what the dinner consisted of?

A Quite well. Two things, ham and blueberry pie.

Q Where did you eat dinner that night?

A On the porch.

Q The porch would be on what side of their home?

A On the lake, north side.

Q On the lake side. Who ate out on the porch that evening, if you can recall?

A Sam, Marilyn, Don, and myself.

Q Do you recall what the weather conditions were like that evening?

A It was very windy and the waves were rolling in pretty good.

Q Was it warm or cold?

A Well, it was chilly as the evening wore on because of the wind.

Q Did you have occasion to do anything insofar as a jacket or anything is concerned?

A I got a jacket for my husband to put on, and Sam, I think, went and got one for himself.

Q Do you recall what kind of a jacket Sam got for himself?

A Brown corduroy jacket.

Q Approximately what time did you eat that evening?

A Probably half an hour or so after we got there.

Q And you arrived --

A At around eight. We probably ate between 8:30, quarter of nine. As soon as the children were served.

Q You indicated the children were served; where were they served?

A In the kitchen.

Q Do you recall how long it took you to eat, or approximately it took you to eat?

A Oh, probably at least an hour or so, because we talked in between.

Q Would you consider this to be a full course meal, or an average meal?

A Oh, yes.

Q Pardon me?

A It was a very ample supper, dinner.

Q Did it consist of anything other than ham and blueberry pie that you know of?

A I am sorry, I don't remember that. I remember the others because I was asked a good many times, but -- I remember the other two things because I was asked for a good number of times, but I don't remember what else we had.

Q Do you recall if there was anything else?

A I don't recall.

Q After you concluded eating, what if anything did you do then?

A We went into the living room and turned the television on, after we cleaned up the table and did the dishes.

Q Who cleaned up the table and did the dishes?

A Well, Marilyn and I did it together, and then she went up to attend to their son, and I finished clearing the table, and went in the kitchen and stacked the dishwasher.

Q After you cleared the porch, did you have anything to do with the door leading out onto the porch?

A Yes. It was windy, and when I came in I shut the door, and I think bolted it.

Q Bolted it?

A Yes, bolted it or locked it, whichever, so it wouldn't swing open.

Q What did you do after that, after stacking the dishes and washing the dishes?

A We went in the living room and sat down to watch television.

Q Who was present in the living room that evening?

A Don, my husband, Marilyn, and Sam.

Q Where was Sam Sheppard in the living room that evening?

A At the beginning of the evening, he was sitting in a chair. There was a large chair in the living room, and he



was sitting in a chair there, and then later on he was sleepy and he laid down on a couch with his head facing the television.

Q Where was this couch located?

A The bottom of the stairs along, as the stairs go up, there is a wall and the couch was against that wall.

Q Now, you say his head was pointing toward the television?

A Which would be north, toward the lake.

Q Toward the lake?

A Yes.

Q Do you recall how he was dressed when he went to sleep or laid down there?

A In the same clothes, which would be his jacket.

Q What jacket was that, again?

A The brown corduroy jacket, and loafers and socks and slacks.

Q Now, did you watch television that night?

A Yes.

Q Approximately how long did you remain at the Sheppard home?

A Oh, until around midnight or shortly thereafter.

Q When you left at midnight or shortly thereafter, did you see Sam Sheppard at that time?

A Oh, yes.



Q Where was he then?

A Sound asleep on the couch.

Q And in the position you have described for us?

A Yes.

Q And in the clothing you have described for us?

A Yes.

Q Do you recall when you left the home where Marilyn was?

A Marilyn was sitting in the big chair, also, and as we left, she got up to go to the door with us.

Q And when she went to the door with you, did you notice whether or not there were any lights on in the house when you left?

A Well, there was a light on in the living room, and then there was a light somewhere in either the kitchen, the hallway or the den. I am not sure. But I remember light as we walked to the door.

Q Marilyn accompanied you to the door?

A Yes.

Q Now, after she accompanied you to the door, do you recall whether the door was open or closed?

A I remember her closing the door. Whether she locked it or not I don't know.

MR. SPILLACY: I have no further questions.

MR. BAILLY: We have no questions

of this witness, your Honor.

THE COURT:

Thank you, Mrs. Ahern.

You are excused.

Will you call Officer Schottke, please.

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