

THEREUPON the defendant, further to maintain the issues on his part to be maintained, called as a witness ELIZABETH VETTER, who, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION OF ELIZABETH VETTER

By Mr. Bailey:

Q Will you tell the Court and jury your name, please?

A Elizabeth Vetter.

Q Where do you live, Mrs. Vetter?

A 1474 Woodward Avenue, Lakewood.

Q Would you speak as loudly as you can so these ladies and gentlemen can hear you in the back row?

THE COURT: Will you have

her spell her last name, Counselor, please?

A V-e-t-t-e-r.

Q Are you presently employed, Mrs. Vetter?

A No, sir.

Q Were you employed in 1954?

A Yes, sir.

Q What was your occupation at that time?

A Charge nurse at Bay View Hospital, three to eleven.

Q Three to eleven?

A Yes.

Q What do you mean when you say charge nurse?

A Well, I had charge of the floor, supervise.

Q When did you first become a nurse?

A In 1925.

Q Have you worked in some hospitals other than Bay View prior to coming there?

A Oh, yes. Huron Road, Cleveland Clinic.

MR. SPELLACY: I am sorry, I cannot hear you, Mrs. Vetter, I can't hear you.

A Huron Road and Cleveland Clinic.

MR. SPELLACY: Thank you.

Q Mrs. Vetter, calling your attention to the fourth day of July, 1954, I will ask you whether or not at any time on that day you were on duty at Bay View Hospital?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know the defendant, Sam Sheppard?

A Yes, sir.

Q Was he at the time a staff physician at the Bay View Hospital?

A Yes.

Q When did you first see him on that day, if you saw him?

A Around supper time.

Q And where was he when you observed him?

A In his room, in bed.

Q Did you observe anything unusual about his apparent condition?

A Well, he was nervous.

Q Did you see anything about his face?

A Yes, he had a black mark on his face, right side.

Q Did you notice anything about his mouth or lips?

A They were swollen.

Q Puffed out, is that what you mean?

A Pardon me?

Q Were they puffy?

A Yes.

Q Did you notice anything with reference to his neck?

A Well, he had difficulty in moving.

Q Was he able to talk with you on that day?

A Yes, he talked.

Q Do you recall whether or not anyone brought him some supper, while you were on duty?

A I did.

Q And do you remember whether or not he ate anything of the supper?

A No.

Q Did he have any solid foods while you were on that shift on July 4th?

A No, sir.

Q Do you have any recollection as to how long it was before, from your memory of the affair, before Doctor Sheppard began to eat solid food?

A That I couldn't remember.

Q From page 6016, if it please the Court; I am showing you your testimony from the last trial, in 1954, Mrs. Vetter, and these are the questions that were put to you, and the answers that you gave.

7 Do you want to see if that refreshes your recollection at all as to how long before he began eating solid foods?

Does that help you to remember how long it was before he had a solid meal?

A Three days.

THE COURT: Counselor, I

didn't hear either of her responses, and I doubt that the jury did.

Q Would you repeat that so the jury can hear?

A Three days.

Q Thank you, Mrs. Vetter.

MR. BAILEY: You may examine.

CROSS EXAMINATION OF ELIZABETH VETTER

By Mr. Spellacy:

Q Mrs. Vetter, how long was he in the hospital all together?

A I really couldn't recall.

Q If I were to tell you that by July 8th, on July 8th, 1954, he was discharged from the hospital, would that refresh your recollection?

A I really can't remember when he was discharged.

Q Do you recall a time when he was discharged, though, from the hospital?

A No, I can't recall.

Q Now, on the fourth of July, the first time you saw him, was that six o'clock in the evening, is that correct, or when you took him dinner?

A Around five, five-thirty.

Q Around five, five-thirty, then did you talk to him at that time?

A Yes.

Q Did you have any trouble understanding him?

A No.

Q He could talk all right, couldn't he?

A Yes.

MR. SPELLACY: Nothing further.

MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Mrs.
Vetter.

THE COURT: You are excused,
Mrs. Vetter.