

Thereupon, further to maintain the issues on his part to be maintained, the Defendant called as a witness ELMIRA JOHNSTON, who, being first duly sworn was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION OF ELMIRA JOHNSTON

By Mr. Petersilge:

Q Will you state your name, please?

A Elmira Johnston, Mrs.

Q Where are you employed, Mrs. Johnston?

A Bay View Hospital.

Q And how long have you been employed there?

A A year and four months.

Q In what capacity are you employed?

A Switchboard operator.

Q And during what hours are you on duty at the switchboard?

A From 7:00 until 3:00.

Q That is, 7:00 in the morning until 3:00 in the afternoon?

A That's right.

Q Now, will you state your address, please?

A 24214 Bruce Road.

Q Is that in Bay Village?

A Yes, it is.

Q That is a street off Lake Road just a short distance from the hospital, is it not?

A That's right, a half mile.

Q You are acquainted with the defendant, Sam Sheppard, are you now?

A Yes, I am.

Q And did you know his wife, Marilyn?

A Yes, I did.

Q Do you recall early in 1954 that Dr. Samuel Sheppard and his wife took a trip to California?

A Yes.

Q Do you recall any occasion subsequent to that on which you had any occasion to see Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard at the hospital?

A Yes, I did. At two different times when Dr. Sam left his paycheck with me for her to pick up.

Q Now, can you tell us when those occasions were?

A Well, the first one was in April and the second one was in May.

Q Now, what happened on those two occasions? Will you just tell the jury?

A Well, the first time Dr. Sam was in surgery and he came out with this envelope. He said, "I have my paycheck in here and my wife will pick it up."

She picked it up later that day.

Q And the second occasion?

A The second time he came out with the check, it was not in

an envelope, and he said, "I haven't endorsed my paycheck," and he had to go to the Caffera Hospital in Youngstown, and he said that she would be in to pick it up later.

Q And you say it was not in an envelope on that occasion?

A It was not.

Q Do you know from whom that check came?

A It came from the Fairview Clinic.

Q And do you know the amount of that check?

A \$1,000. Naturally, I looked at it, it wasn't in an envelope.

Q Did Marilyn Sheppard come in later that day and pick up the check?

A Yes, she did.

Q And did she say anything on that occasion?

A Why, she asked me if she could use my pen to endorse it. After she endorsed it, she asked me what time it was. I told her it was ten minutes of two, and she said, "Oh, I must hurry to get to the bank before it closes."

MR. PETERSILGE: That is all.

MR. PARRINO: No questions.

MR. MAHON: No questions.

That's all.

MR. PETERSILGE: Thank you, Mrs.

Johnston.

MR. DANACEAU: Just a minute.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF ELMIRA JOHNSTON

By Mr. Danaceau:

Q Were you at the switchboard the early morning of July 4th
when a telephone call came in?

A No, I wasn't. I was in the State of Washington. I was
on my vacation.

Q There was somebody else there then?

A That's right.

MR. DANACEAU: That is all.

Thank you very much.

(Witness excused.)

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