

Thereupon GUS DALLAS, being first duly sworn,
was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION OF GUS DALLAS:

BY MR. CORRIGAN:

Q Will you kindly state your name?

A Gus Dallas.

Q Where do you live, Mr. Dallas?

A 4532 Laurel Road, South Euclid.

Q And what is your business or profession?

A I am a reporter with the Plain Dealer.

Q And were you a reporter working on the Plain Dealer on the
4th day of July, 1954?

A Yes.

Q Did you go to the residence of Dr. Sheppard?

A Yes, I did.

Q And what time did you arrive there?

A Oh, between 8:30 and 9:00 in the morning.

Q Did you see the body of Marilyn Sheppard removed from the
house?

A Well, I saw, I presume it was a blanket wrapped object. I
did not actually see the body itself.

Q And will you describe to me where you were when you saw this
body removed?

A I was standing out on the lawn in front of the home. I don't

know -- I was speaking to some spectator or other, I don't recall, and someone else pointed out they were removing the body.

Q Will you tell me what kind of a -- will you describe what kind of a stretcher, or whatever it was, that the body was removed in?

A Well, I can't be too sure. I think it was one of the type with the wheels at one end with the body tied onto it, strapped on, or some such.

Q The body was strapped on a carriage?

A Yes.

Q A wheeled carriage?

A (Witness nods affirmatively.)
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Q And how/the body encased?

A It was in a blanket.

Q In a blanket?

A Yes.

Q Now then, did you go in the house?

A Yes.

Q What time was it that you went in the house?

A Oh, I don't recall the exact time. It was several minutes after the removal of the body when the coroner came out.

Q The coroner came out?

A Yes.

Q And then did he invite you in the house? Or just tell me how

you went into that house?

A Well, I was speaking to the Mayor at the time when the coroner came out, and I believe it was one of the other reporters that mentioned the matter first, and the coroner -- I didn't hear what he said, but the coroner turned around and walked into the house, and then we went in behind him.

Q Who else went in behind him?

A It was the Assistant City Editor from the Press, a Mr. DeCrane, and he had a photographer with him.

THE COURT: You will have to speak
louder.

Q The Assistant City Editor of the Press, what is his name?

A Roy DeCrane.

Q And who else?

A There was a Press photographer. I don't recall who that was.

Q And you wrote an account of this that appeared in the Plain Dealer last Sunday, did you not, Mr. Dallas?

A Yes.

Q And in that account you stated that you were escorted through the house by --

A The coroner and the Police Chief of Bay Village was behind us most of the time.

Q Did you go through the house?

A We went in directly through the living room and up the stairs and into the bedroom where it occurred.

Q And how many men went up into the bedroom on that occasion?

A Five -- only two went into the bedroom itself, the coroner and the photographer from the newspaper, as I recall it.

Q Did you go into other rooms in the house?

A Not up on the second floor.

Q In the first floor?

A Well, we were through the kitchen and through the study.

Q Did you touch some things as you went through the house?

A The only thing that I touched was the telephone.

Q Well, you report in your story that you didn't touch the golf --

A That's right, I didn't. They were up against the wall. It wasn't necessary to touch them.

Q You didn't touch them. How long did you stay there?

A We were in there for about 15 minutes, and then we were put out, and about two hours we were let back in again.

Q Who let you back in the second time?

A The second time it was the coroner again.

Q And were there more men that came in, more reporters and photographers that came in the second time?

A There was one other reporter and one other photographer.

Q Do you know who they were?

A Mr. Blair from our paper and one of our photographers. I don't recall right now which one it was.

MR. CORRIGAN:

That is all.