

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By Mr. Corrigan:

Q Will you please state your name to the Court and jury?

A Elizabeth Ann Vetter.

Q How do you spell your last name?

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

Q And where do you live, Mrs. Vetter?

A 781 Columbia Road, Westlake.

Q And how long have you lived in this community?

A Nine years.

Q Are you occupied at any trade or profession?

A I am a registered nurse.

Q And how long have you followed that profession?

A Well, I graduated in 1926, and I got married in 1930, and I went back to work five years ago.

Q And where did you graduate from?

A Kingston General Hospital, Ontario.

Q Have you been employed at the Bay View Hospital?

A Yes, sir.

Q How long have you been employed there?

A It will be nine years in June -- or five years, excuse me, I'm sorry.

Q Do you know Dr. Sam Sheppard?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you know his wife?

A Well, I had her as a patient.

Q Now, during the time that you worked at Bay View Hospital, and during the time that Sam Sheppard was there, did you come in contact with him frequently?

A Yes, sir.

Q As a result of those frequent contacts with him over those years that you knew him, did you form an opinion about the man?

A He had a very fine character.

Q A very fine character?

A Yes, sir.

Q Was there anything about him that evidenced any explosion of temperament or temper?

A No, sir.

Q You say he was even-tempered?

A Very.

Q Now, then, were you at work on the 4th of July?

A Yes, sir.

Q 1954. What time did you come to work?

A 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Q And after you came to work did you have anything to do -- you knew, of course, at that time that Marilyn had been murdered?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you knew that Sam was in the hospital?

A Yes, sir.

Q After you came to work at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, did you have anything to do in regard to nursing duties?

A I brought him in his supper tray which was of liquids.

Q What?

A I brought him in his supper tray of liquids.

Q And at 3 o'clock in the afternoon -- do you remember what the first time was that you came in contact with him on the 4th of July, about what time it was?

A About quarter of five.

Q And did you go into his room on that occasion?

A What?

Q Did you go into his room on that occasion?

A Yes, sir. I brought him in his supper.

Q Did you notice what his condition was?

A Nervous.

Q What?

A Very nervous.

Q Yes. Did you notice any wounds or anything like that on him?

A He had a swollen -- the right side of his face was very

badly swollen, his upper lip, and he apparently had a stiff neck.

Q Had a what?

A Stiff neck. His neck was sore.

Q That is, did you notice what movement he could make of the upper part of his neck?

A Well, if he was on his left side, it was very difficult for him to get out.

Q Now, then, you brought in the regular designated hospital diet for him?

A Yes, sir.

Q And will you tell the jury what he did in regard to eating that?

A He didn't eat it.

Q He did not?

A No, sir.

Q Do you know when was the first time he took any solid foods?

A Oh, about 36 hours, I think.

Q What?

A About 36 hours before he ate solid food.

Q About 36 hours. And during the period that you were on there, did you see a policeman standing or sitting guard at the door?

A Yes, sir.

Q And during the period that you were on there, how long was

that policeman there?

A He was -- there was a policeman there nearly all the time.

Q All the time. Was there anybody, during the time that you had charge of that particular section of the floor, prevented from going in to see him?

A No, sir.

Q There was not?

A No, sir. Not on my time.

MR. CORRIGAN: Cross examine.

MR. PARRINO: No questions. You are excused. Thank you.

(Witness excused.)

MR. CORRIGAN: Mrs. Mildred Harridge.

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