

RICHARD SOMMER, having been first duly sworn,
was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION OF RICHARD SOMMER

By Dr. Gerber:

Q What is your name, please?

A Richard Sommer.

Q Richard Sommer?

A That's right.

Q Where do you live?

A 27031 Westlake Road, Bay Village.

Q Do you have an official connection with Bay
Village?

A I am on the fire department.

Q How long have you been on the fire department?

A A year.

Q One year?

A One year.

Q Calling your attention to the morning of July 4th,
will you relate what happened?

A I was on duty early in the morning of July 4th.
At approximately 5:57 a call came in taken by Patrolman
Drenkhan. He said that they needed an ambulance down at
Dr. Sam Sheppard's house. At that time I awoke the volunteer
Ron Callahan, and he and I both went down to Dr. Sheppard's

house. When we got there, the patrolmen were there ahead of us. We went in the house, took the stretcher in up to Mrs. Sheppard's room, saw Mrs. Sheppard, left the stretcher outside in the hallway, came downstairs, then didn't go up again until Dr. Richard came, at which time I went up again, along with Patrolman Drenkhan. Heard Dr. Richard pronounce the woman dead. Went back downstairs. At that time we noticed the water on the stairway going out the door leading to the beach.

We went out there and saw Sergeant Hubach, told him that we had saw these two fishermen at Huntington Beach. He said, "Would you want to go down and get a statement from them and get their names?" So Fireman Callahan and myself went down to Huntington Beach and got their names, and asked them had they seen anything peculiar in the neighborhood, and they said no, except that they had seen a couple of other men, or boys, on the beach approximately, oh, a half hour before they were there, about 5:30.

Then we came back to Dr. Sam's, came upstairs, got our stretcher, and went back to the fire station.

Q Did you touch or handle anything while you were in the Sheppard home?

A No, sir.

Q Did you see the dog?

A Yes, sir, I did see the dog.

Q Where did you see the dog?

A The dog followed us down the beach over to Huntington.

Q When did you first see the dog?

A I first saw the dog when I entered the house.

Q Where was the dog at that time?

A He was in the hallway.

Q In the hallway near what?

A Near the study where Dr. Richard -- where Dr. Sam was.

Q Did you notice anything wrong with the dog?

A No, sir. To my knowledge the dog was perfectly normal.

Q Describe the dog for me.

A The dog was brown, looks like an Irish setter. It is a reddish brown. That is the first time I saw him. After that I didn't see him until we were down on the beach.

Q How big a dog is it?

A Oh, I would say a little over two foot high, two and a half foot high, approximately so.

Q And how much does it weigh?

A I couldn't be sure.

Q About?

A 20 pounds.

Q Did it follow you down on the beach?

A It did.

Q Did you go on the beach?

A I walked on the beach near the water.

Q Did the dog follow you on the beach?

A Yes, he did.

Q Did the dog come back with you?

A I last saw the dog at the pier at Huntington. The dog turned around then and came back, I believe. I didn't see the dog after we got on the pier. There was a cat on the pier and it didn't go out any farther.

Q Was this a friendly dog?

A It was very friendly.

Q Was the dog frightened when you first saw the dog?

A It didn't appear to be.

Q When you arrived there who was ahead of you?

A Going into the house?

Q No, when you arrived at the Sheppard home who did you find there?

A When I arrived at the Sheppard home I found the Mayor and his wife, Patrolman Drenkhan and the other patrolman who was with him, Roger Cavanaugh.

Q Where were they when you arrived?

A I can't be sure, but I believe that they were outside or met us at the door or near the door.

Q How did you know where Mrs. Sheppard's room was?

A I had asked somebody where she was. I don't remember who answered and said she was upstairs. Someone said you can't get the stretcher through the kitchen. So I said we will go around.

Q Did you notice the living room as you walked in, did you notice the condition of the living room as you walked in?

A The only thing in the living room that I saw, sir, was the desk.

Q And what did you notice about that?

A Just that it appeared to have been messed. The drawers were pulled out.

Q Did you notice any other furniture in the living room?

A No, sir.

Q Did you notice a couch as you went up the stairs?

A No, sir.

Q Did you touch anything?

A To my knowledge, no. We were handling the stretcher at the time.

Q Did you touch the desk in the living room?

A No.

Q What further instructions were you given?

A After we brought the stretcher back down to the ambulance I got a hold of the other man that was with me,

came back to the fire station.

Q Do you have anything to add that I may have neglected to ask you?

A No, sir.

DR. GERBER: Thank you. This meeting is recessed until Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock.
