

Thereupon IRENE M. IMHOF, being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION OF PROS. JUROR IRENE M. IMHOF

By the Court:

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Q You are Irene Imhof? ✓

A That's right.

Q And you live at 1409 Plymouth?

A That's right.

Q And are you the wife of the gentleman of that name who is a member of the Detective Bureau of the Cleveland Police Department?

A That's right.

Q Do you know whether or not he has worked at all on this Sheppard case?

A I'm pretty sure he hasn't.

Q You do not think he has?

A He hasn't.

MR. MAHON: He has not, your Honor.

Q What is your husband's first name, Mrs. Imhof?

A Ralph.

Q And how long has he been a member of the Cleveland Police Department, roughly?

A 23 years.

Q And he is assigned to the Detective Bureau?

A That's correct.

Q A particular branch of that Bureau, if you know?

A It would be crime. I don't know.

Q Would the fact that he is a member of the police department and has been for 23 years have any bearing at all on your judgment in a case in which members of that same police department were witnesses and were actively engaged?

A Well, I would try that it wouldn't, but I'm afraid it would.

Q You would try?

A I would try very hard not to have any feelings, but I'm afraid it would.

Q Have you and your husband discussed this case at all?

A Well, not very much. Right now he has been home ill for about a month, and we haven't discussed it very much.

Q How many people are there in your household?

A Just three right now.

Q And who is the third?

A My daughter.

Q How old is she?

A 19.

Q And how long have you lived on Plymouth where you now live?

A 13 years.

Q Do you know Mr. Cullitan -- do you know any of these good people who were mentioned here?

A No, I don't know any of them.

Q Those who were mentioned at the opening of the trial.

A Personally I don't.

Q Do you know Mr. Cullitan or any member of his staff?

A No, I don't.

Q Or the Sheriff or any member of his staff?

A No.

Q Or the Coroner, Dr. Gerber, or any member of his staff?

A No, I don't.

Q Have you or any member of your family -- and I will include your husband's family, outside of his experiences in the police department -- have any of them, if you know, ever been visited by violence at the hands of another person?

A I don't think so. Not that I know of, no.

Q Have you ever served as a juror before?

A I was called about 17 years ago, roughly, but I was not allowed on the case.

Q Was that in this court?

A It was -- I started in civil court and I was sent over here, but I was excused.

Q Have you ever appeared as a witness in a case before?

A No.

Q Do you understand that it is the function of a jury to weigh the evidence without regard to who produces it?

A I do.

Q And it may come as a shock to you that the testimony of a

policeman is not more sacred than the testimony of a common laborer, that the testimony always is: What is the truth? Do you understand that it is the function of the jury to weigh all of the testimony without regard to who produces it?

A I do.

Q Physician, lawyer, police officer or any other public official or common laborer.

A Yes.

Q And to be guided by the instructions of the Court as to the law and to arrive at their own conclusions?

A I do.

Q Unhampered by any influence by anybody anywhere beyond the evidence itself and the law as it is to be applied. Do you understand that?

A I do, sir.

Q Have you formed an opinion at all about the guilt or innocence of Sam Sheppard?

A Yes, I have.

Q Do you still entertain an opinion?

A Yes, I do.

Q Speak loudly.

A I do.

Q And is that opinion such that you could disregard it right here and now and start anew from scratch, or is it so fixed that it would take some evidence to remove it?

A I don't think I could change my mind.

Q You don't believe you could change your mind?

A No.

MR. MAHON: Challenge for cause,
your Honor. ✓

THE COURT: All right. You will be
excused.

(Thereupon Prospective Juror Irene M.
Imhof was excused.)

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