

ETHEL SHEPPARD, having been first
duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION OF ETHEL SHEPPARD

By Dr. Gerber:

Q What is your name, please?

A Ethel Sheppard, Mrs. Richard A.

Q Mrs. Richard A. Sheppard?

A Yes.

Q I didn't get your given name?

A Ethel.

Q Mrs. Sheppard, is Dr. Samuel Sheppard a son of yours?

A Yes.

Q And how old is he?

A 30.

Q Was Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard a daughter-in-law of yours?

A Yes.

Q She was the wife of Dr. Samuel Sheppard?

A Yes.

Q Calling your attention to Sunday, July 4th, will you
tell me what you learned on Sunday, July 4th, early in
the a.m.?

A I was awakened by the telephone and I heard my husband--

Q Will you talk a little louder? I can't hear you.

A I heard my husband make some remark over the phone

that rather alarmed me, I mean, I could tell that something unusual had happened, and when he finished his telephone conversation I asked him what it was and he said, "Something has happened at Sam's, I don't know what, but you go on and rest a while and I will be back and tell you." He left, and of course I didn't stay in bed, I got up and dressed and went downstairs and was finishing dressing when my daughter-in-law arrived and said, "Mother, I want to take you over to my house," and I asked her if she knew what had happened, and she said, "No," but she wanted me to be with her until they did find out. So I went with her and we waited there until Dr. Sheppard came back, and he told us that Dr. Sam was in the hospital and that Marilyn was gone.

Q What time did this occur?

A I don't know. They tell me it was six o'clock. It must have been because I was awakened from a sleep and it must have been six or shortly after.

Q This daughter-in-law you referred to, what was her name?

A Marilyn.

Q No, the other daughter-in-law?

A Dorothy.

Q Did Dorothy Sheppard tell you anything?

A No.

Q Did she tell you that Dr. Sam had been removed to the hospital?

A No, I don't think she knew it at that time.

Q Did she tell you that Marilyn was dead?

A I believe she said when Mr. Houk called he said, I believe that she said he thought that she was. I don't recall that, doctor. In fact, it is very hard for me to recall definitely those details.

Q What did you do next?

A Well, I think the first thing I did, we were in the drive in the house, went out to meet Dr. Sheppard when he came, and we walked up and down a few minutes, unable to believe that this, that there was such a tragedy, and then we went in the house and I think Dorothy said, "Well, we must have some coffee or some breakfast."

Q Now, when you said you were in the drive, whose drive was this that you were talking about?

A My oldest son's, Richard's. It is just across the front of the house.

Q When you said, you were talking about Dr. Sheppard --

A My husband.

Q Which Dr. Sheppard were you talking about?

A My husband.

Q He was now at Richard's home?

A He arrived there a little later, I don't know, maybe

it was a half an hour.

Q Did you ever hear of any difficulties between your son, Sam, and Marilyn?

A Marilyn talked with me quite freely about many little difficulties. Sam didn't care as much about social life as she did, and the little difficulties such as that that would take place in any family, and other little things that he didn't help her as much as when they were in California and things like that.

Q Anything specific other than generalities?

A Yes. I think Marilyn had mentioned to me that Sam had had some dates with Miss Hayes.

Q Do you recall the time?

A Yes. On May 5th I went to my husband's office with Marilyn for a check-up.

Q On May 5th of what year?

A Yes, '54. I had not talked with her since her trip to California, and on the way over I asked her about it, and she told me she had not had as pleasant a time as she thought. That was the time.

Q Now, this was on May 5th?

A Yes.

Q In the automobile on your way over to your husband's office?

A Yes.

Q How long did that conversation take?

A Well, as long as it took us to drive from Lake Road over to Lorain.

Q Did she tell you why she didn't have as good a time as she thought she would?

A Well, she said that she had planned, of course, before she went to stay on the ranch at, near Monterey I believe it is, of Dr. and Mrs. Chapman, they had been invited, she had been invited to spend some time there while Sam was taking some work in Los Angeles.

Q And what else?

A And I didn't know about these plans, of course, and I said, "Well, where was Sam?" and she said, "He was in Los Angeles," and that she had thought that he had had some dates with Miss Hayes, and that was the thing that she told me.

Q Was she upset about it when she told you?

A I wouldn't say so. She asked me if I knew when she was coming back. I didn't, I didn't even know she had left. I didn't know anything about her whereabouts. So I said --

Q You said she was coming back, who do you mean "she"?

A Miss Hayes. I said, "No, I don't have any idea, I know nothing about it."

Q Did she tell you of any other conversations that she

had with her husband, Marilyn tell you that?

A Yes.

Q What were they?

A She told me that he had told her that he had given Miss Hayes a watch and that he had done it to replace the one that she lost, and she sort of laughed at that. Then she said that it was, they went to a wedding, and that Miss Hayes had lost the watch and that he had replaced it.

Q What was the purpose of the visit to the doctor, your husband?

A Well, I, Marilyn hadn't been well for some time, and Sam had asked father to check her, and I had been in the hospital for a week and had just been released on Monday, I had been there for a virus, and I happened to be staying over there for a couple of days, and Dr. Sheppard had told Marilyn to call his secretary and make an appointment, which evidently she did, for Wednesday, May 5th. And it was around ten or ten-thirty in the morning and she asked me to go with her, which I did.

Q You stayed over there, what did you mean by over there?

A Well, I stayed over at Dr. Richard's home. He, his wife had asked me to stay there that day, and since I had just gotten out of the hospital I remained there

on Tuesday, and I was still there Wednesday morning. So Marilyn came by and picked me up.

Q Was this in the morning?

A Yes.

Q Did she say anything about being pregnant?

A Why, yes, after her examination she certainly did.

Q No, but before the examination?

A No. No, she didn't realize, I think that is one reason she wanted to have a check-up, of course. After the examination she seemed very happy about it and told me about it, as we drove home.

Q Insofar as you know, on May 5th was the first she knew that she was definitely pregnant?

A Well, I should say definitely.

Q After May 5th did you have any other conversations with her in reference to Sam?

A No, not after May 5th. I have seen Marilyn very seldom since spring. In May I saw her just once after that.

Q Go right ahead.

A It was at a breakfast at the hospital, a Guild Breakfast, and I saw her just for a few minutes in the hall with other people and said hello and "You are looking fine." That's the only other time in May.

Q Was there a family meeting to discuss Sue Hayes?

A No.

Q There was not?

A Not that I know anything about.

Q When did you see Marilyn in June?

A June 10th.

Q And what was that occasion?

A We moved to Bay Village and she and Sam and their son came by, as did the other children, to help with placing things when they were unloaded, and they helped place the furniture and carry things in, did little things that the movers would hand to them.

Q What address do you live at now?

A 23048 Westlake Road.

Q You are the wife of Dr. Richard A.?

A Sr.

Q Sr. Do you know of any other difficulties that Sam and Marilyn had?

A There might have been. As I say, I saw Marilyn, I have seen her only four times since we moved to Bay Village, and twice was at my house and twice was at her house. They were altogether each time I saw them.

DR. GERBER: Thank you Mrs.

Sheppard.
