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July 7, 1954

Joseph M. Sweeney
Sheriff, Cuyahoga County
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: Homicide, Marilyn Sheppard, 28924 Lake Road, Bay Village, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Together with Deputy Sheriff Dave Tetta continued with the investigation of the Homicide of Marilyn Sheppard.

We interviewed Jay L. Bender, 294 Ruth Ave., Bay Village, Ohio, age 40 years, married, occupation Salesman, who stated that he with his wife had been visiting with friends at Aurora, Ohio on Saturday, July 3rd, 1954 and while returning to their home and passing the Dr. Sam Sheppard home, he observed a light in an upstairs bedroom and one in Dr. Sam's study or den.

Mrs. Bender however stated that she observed three lights, one in the kitchen, one in the study or den and a third light on the second floor above the kitchen.

Both Mr. & Mrs. Bender stated that they fixed the exact time at 2:15 A.M. July 4, 1954 as they both retired at about 3:00 A.M. after returning to their home, just west of the Sheppard home, they did not observe anything unusual about the Sheppard premises at the time that they passed.

Both Mr. & Mrs. Jay Bender stated that they are only casual acquaintances.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Carl A. Rossbach, Deputy