Inspecting Sheppard Case Watches, July 19, 1954, Bay Village Police Department

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SUBJECT: Check on Sheppard Case watches.

Drove Car #51 to Morgue and turned over one old wringer roller and Richard Sheppard's gun to Miss Cowan.

Miss Cowan took the two watches (his & hers) from the vault and I drove her down to the H. W. Beattie Co. at 1117 Euclid Ave. We were taken to Mr. Carl H. Bee, and expert watch repair man who examined the pieces. He will give the Coroner's office a full, written report. From his examination, I gathered the following facts:

Sam Sheppard's watch was a Universal Geneva
Automatic Wind
Shock Proof
Water proof

One:

The auto-wind did not seem to be in operating condition. From all indications the watch ran down.
The water on the face seemed to be normal condensation. It did not seem to be sealed too well, but there were no signs of tampering. Valued at about $85.00

There was no water in the watch. The stem seemed to be corroded as if the seal was not very good.
The watch was started to see how long it would operate on normal hand winding.

Two: Marilyn Sheppard's watch: Serial No L 143635 (in case)

Recently cleaned by repair man who signed his own number in the case as L 44516

This watch seemed to have no wind on the spring, although there seemed to be nothing wrong inside. The case had been damaged - sprung, possibly by strong tension on the band. The band showed a series of marks on the links as if it had been struck when the arm was raised defensively. There was no rust on the watch. Lots of blood everywhere. The watch was not struck itself.

This watch was also wound and started. Miss Cowan is to check on how long they will run.

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