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**BVPD investigation into Louis Winner who confessed to murdering Marilyn Sheppard**

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Sunday, August 1, 1954:

One [Boxed: LOUIS WINNER], W.M. age 59 yrs. Married of 81 Lincoln Dr. Berea, Ohio came into Police Station and stated that he killed Marilyn Sheppard. Interviewed subject and obtained statement. Requested check at home of subject by Berea Police. Received info from Sgt. Krammer Berea Police Dept. that subject lives with wife Rose, being married 38 years, employed by the Pearl Rd. Lumber Co., 5115 Pearl Rd. Wife stated that subject drank to excess but was good worker. Jailed subject to be held for further investigation.

Interviewed Rose Winner, wife of subject. She stated that subject was home and sober over the July 4th weekend. That Saturday, July 3, 1954 he was at home painting there home, they retired at 10:30 A.M. Sunday, July 4, 1954 went to Farm at Columbia Station to visit friends. Winner stated that one Mrs. Monica Kowalski, 21 Lincoln Rd. was visiting with her the night of July 3.

Interviewed Monica Kowalski, she stated that she was visiting R. Winner July 3, that Louis Winner was painting the inside of the house, that she left around 9:45 P.M.

Interviewed David Winner, W.M. 35 yrs., 365 Berea St., Berea, O. son of subject/ he stated that father probably knew Dr. Sam Sheppard as he had treated his broken arm, Oct. 20, 1953, at Bayview Hosp.

Questioned subject, he admitted that he was lying, could not explain why he did make false confession, other than he felt he was being persecuted by wife and that he felt sorry for Dr. S. Sheppard, that he was a old man and it did not make any difference to him. Subject signed waiver and was released into custody of family.

This offense is declared:

Unfounded          [ ]
Cleared by arrest  [ ]
Exceptionally cleared [ ]
Inactive (not cleared) [ ]

Signed                  FF Drenkhan, Ptl.  JHubach SGT.  Date
Investigating Officer

Signed               Chief or Commanding Officer

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