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The following is the statement of JERRY SCHUMACHER, 18 yrs, W. M., residing at 1818 W 47th St., Cleveland, Ohio with reference to the Homicide of Marilyn Sheppard.

Around 12:00 midnight I drove my buddies Bill Hearn & George Tenaglia out Huntington Park looking for a beach party some of my friends were having. We left from Georges house about 12:00 Mid-night we got out here about 12:30 A.M. or 12:45 A.M. We pulled in the parking lot on the south side of the road, and parked. We crossed the street and through the parking lot and went towards the tower next to the picnic area. We went half way down the stairs and looked around. We then went down another stairs to the left and down onto the beach, and walked west. We saw a light on a pier and walked over to it and on to the pier. I said to my buddies "these aren't them" George asked them "if there was a party around anywhere?" He said "No" not that he knew of". I asked him if they were biting and he said there's no fish out here. We left and walked back to the beach and turned left, we walked down the beach to the first stairway we came to and walked up. We came up in somebodys back yard and walked on through to Lake Rd. back to the car.

Q. Did you have any light to guide you?

A. We had a flashlight.

Q. What was the condition of the water and wind?

A. The water was rough and high enough to wet down portions of the pier and it was fairly windy.

Q. How many men were on the pier?

A. I'd say three.

Q. Were there any cars parked south of Lake Rd., where you parked when you arrived and left?

A. Yes, when we arrived I'd say there were about 5 cars parked there. When we left I didn't notice any change in the number.

Q. When you were on the beach and on the pier did you see or notice anything unusual, or see any other persons than the fishermen?

A. No.

Q. Did you see any light further on west of the pier?

A. Not that I can recall?

Q. The route that you showed me is to the best of your knowledge where you went?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you anything else to add to this statement that may be of benefit?

A. No, I don't think so.

Q. Have you read the above statement and is it true?

A. Yes

Signed Jerry Schumacher

Witness Fred L. Drenkhan Ptl.

July 10, 1954

Taken by F.Drenkhan, Ptl.#1 at Bay Village Police Dept. 5:10P.M.

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