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PROBERS IN SHEPPARD CASE ASKED TO POOL EVIDENCE, FORM TEAM
Gerber Acts After Doctor's Attorney Asserts Family Will Not Submit to Further Questioning by County Prosecutor's Staff; Mahon Reopens Technician's Quiz in California

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Mrs. Jessie Dill of Painesville was kept in protective custody in County Jail over night after new information came out in her fuller statement to Bay Village police.

She was quoted as saying the woman she saw on the Fairport Harbor beach in June spoke of "a boy friend," and Mrs. Dill recalled enough of the name for Bay police to recognize it, as well as other names Mrs. Dill recalled.

Coroner Samuel R. Gerber will call all authorities hunting the murderer of Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard to pool their evidence and knit themselves into a united team, starting today.

His unity plan came up last night just as the lawyer for Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, the husband, was protesting that "three or four groups shouldn't be investigating" the bludgeon slaying.

The lawyer for Dr. Sheppard and his family, William J. Corrigan, complained to the police chief of Bay Village, where the July 4 killer did his work. Corrigan kicked against the county prosecutor horning in on the case, according to the Bay chief, John P. Eaton.

From now on, the Sheppards will be counseled to talk only to "the sheriff or the Bay police, the proper authorities," Corrigan said.

Snapping back at that, Dr. Gerber said: "Corrigan should not try to tell city or county officials what they should or should not do. We know what we can do and must do under the statutes, and we are doing it. We are not going to let Corrigan run this investigation."

At the same time Assistant County Prosecutor John J. Mahon launched a new set of clews and questions to Los Angeles to test the gat fire at the mystery girl in the case, Miss Susan L. Hayes, 24.

Dr. Sheppard may have given more than a wrist watch to the pretty California girl, Mahon said, when he visited her there in March.

Descriptions Match

District Attorney S. Ernest Roll of Los Angeles said he would call Miss Hayes in again for another quiz, not, however, until he has talked with two new links in the California chain in the case.

A woman who saw a tall, bushy-haired (partly bald in front), nervous man board a bus somewhere near the murder scene early on July 4 was interviewed by Bay Sergt. Jay H. Hubach while the unity argument boilled over.

She was Mrs. Beatrice Wolfe of Elberta Beach, near Vermilion. On route to a funeral in Union City, Pa., she dozed, then awoke near Sheffield Lake and shortly saw the man get on, fumbling out a bill of large denomination to pay his fare.

Dr. Sheppard described the killer as over six feet, bushy-haired and wearing a white shirt. Mrs. Wolfe's picture agreed with that.

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