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DOCTOR TO HELP HUNT WEAPON
ON HIS WAY to the home of his father after being discharged from Bay View Hospital is Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, husband of the bludgeoned Bay Village housewife, Marilyn R. Sheppard. Patrolman Cy Lipaj is pushing the wheel chair.
As Much in Dark as Ever,' Deputy Sheriff Says
After Three-Hour Quiz: Physician to Re-enact Events of Death Night at Home Today: Offers $10,000 for Killers

BY PAT GARLING AND JOHN G. BLAIR

Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard will return today to his Bay Village home to re-enact events connected with the savage killing of his pretty wife, Marilyn.

The handsome osteopath late yesterday told investigators he would join in the search for the weapon used to hack his wife to death just before dawn July 4.

Dr. Sheppard said he had no idea what the weapon could be until he visited the house and determined if anything was missing.

Emerging from "Dr. Sam's" room at Bay View Hospital late yesterday after three hours questioning the injured doctor, Deputy Sheriff Carl A. Rosbach said: "We're as much in the dark as we were before."

Squabble Develops

Rosbach, Deputy Sheriff Dave Yetta and Bay Village Patrolman Fred Drenkhan had gained admittance to the room after a morning-long squabble between Coroner Samuel R. Gerber and William J. Corrigan, Cleveland criminal lawyer.

During the morning Dr. Sheppard had issued a written statement proclaiming "I have lived an honorable life" and posting a reward of $10,000 "for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of my wife."

The trio of investigators sought to learn additional details about the bizarre case and resolve unanswered questions. They took their notes in longhand.

Tells of Dog, T-Shirt

Dr. Sheppard told Rosbach that he did not remember wearing a T-shirt on the night his wife was chopped 25 times in the face and head.

The whereabouts of a T-shirt, which friends of the Sheppards said was worn by the doctor earlier in the evening, has been a major question in the case.

Asked if the family dog, Koko, had barked during the beatings and Dr. Sheppard's chase of intruders, down to the beach behind the house, the doctor said the pet was not a barking dog.

Quizzing on Twin

Rosbach said Dr. Sheppard would be questioned further as the investigation continued. He said Dr. Sheppard gave his answers freely and broke down several times during the questioning.

In the questioning Dr. Sheppard revealed he had felt his wife's pulse twice after finding her body on a twin bed in the couple's bedroom.

Rosbach said Dr. Sheppard told him he covered his wife's body with a sheet, because she was a modest person, the doctor explained.

The doctor told the probes that he was "almost sure" the intruder he saw was white because the man had bushy hair.

Rosbach said the osteopathic neurosurgeon could add nothing more to the meager description he gave before of the assailant.

Dr. Sheppard told Rosbach that he could not account for (Continued on Page 8, Column 2)
Detectives Patrick A. Gareau and Robert Schottke and a re-
tinue of photographers and re-
porters trailing, they headed for
Dr. Samuel Sheppard's room.

The coroner and investigators,
with Dr. Stephen Sheppard, en-
tered the room. Five minutes
later Corrigan and Arthur E.
Petersilge, Sheppard family law-
er, joined them. Within 30 min-
utes Dr. Gerber and company
left the room, leaving only Cor-
rigan and Petersilge with the
injured osteopath.

Dr. Gerber was visibly angry.
Five minutes later he handed
Rosbach a paper and said:
"Spare this!" It was a subpoena
for Dr. Samuel Sheppard to ap-
pear at a coroner's inquest.

Hold Conference
Rosbach and Gerber marched
back to the room and entered.
The deputy came out and said
the serving was being held up,
but Gerber later said the sub-
poena was served and then taken
back.

A conference between the cor-
oner and Corrigan, Petersilge
and Dr. Samuel Sheppard was
convened. Shortly before 1 p.m.
Gerber, Corrigan and Petersilge
came out of the room.

Corrigan handed out typewrit-
ted statements bearing the sig-
nature of "Sam H. Sheppard." In
the doctor said he had never
refused to talk to authorities and
had given them all the informa-
tion he had.

"Honorable Life"

He said restrictions on ques-
tioning had not been made by
him but by doctors attending
him.

"I have lived an honorable
life," he said. "I have, with my
family, authorized my attorneys
to post a reward of $10,000 for
the arrest and conviction of the
murderer of my wife."

Corrigan then told reporters
Dr. Sheppard had said that he
wanted to talk to the police, but
that his attorneys requested that
they be present while any con-
versation went on, between the
doctor and police.

Corrigan insisted that he be
allowed to question Dr. Sheppard
without the lawyers listening in.
Corrigan related, Dr. Sheppard
then said it would be all right

with him as long as someone he
knew was present.

Head Causes Stir

Police and lawyers, compri-
mised by including Patrolman
Fred Drenkhan of Bay Village
in the questioning, Gerber said.
Dr. Sheppard had told him he was going
anywhere the police wished him
to go.

During the day a flasch-craw-
ing episode caused a momentary
flurry of excitement. Wrapped
in newspapers, a human head
with some flesh on it and parts
of several human skulls were
found in the Sheppard garage.

Dr. Gerber said they appeared
to be anatomical specimens used
for study and research. The
parts were cut into sections to
show certain areas, the coroner
said. Nevertheless, he had then
taken to the morgue for study.

Doctor Will Help in Hunt
for Death Weapon Today

Sheppard's story of the (Continued From First Page)
his three sons, Ray, Bill, and
ring being in a cloth bag found
in weeds behind the house.

The deputy sobbed and ques-
tioning was halted when he was
asked about his affection for
his wife.

Relates Story
Marilyn was 'Dr. Sam's' first
sweetheart, the deputy was
told.

Dr. Sheppard's story of the
crime, in which he was ac-
ceived in substance, was:

While still dark, Dr. Sheppard,
alerted by the sound of awak-
ening by the sound of his
wife's morning
Dr. Sheppard rushed upstairs.
When he reached the top he saw
the form of a man at the side of
the bed.

Just then Dr. Sheppard was
struck down from behind. He
died in the hallway just outside
the bedroom.

Finals Wallat on Floor
When he recovered conscious-
ness he was on the floor and
found his wallet in his fiery
pocket.

He staggered into the bed-
room, where he saw his wife's
face hacked and bleeding.

Dr. Sheppard felt Marilyn's
pulse. He did not remember
whether he felt any

Dr. Sheppard then ran outside
across the lawn to a porch
adjoining the house.

The doctor chased the man
down the stairs leading to the
private beach at Lake Erie be-
neath the rambling house.

The man, followed by the De-
puty and same of Dr. Sheppard's
friends, new him on the beach.

Dr. Sheppard was taken to his
father's home the night of the
murder.

"Chip" Interviewed
If the print on the desk fails
to match those of Dr. Sheppard
any further doubt will be
eclaw that one or more intruders
were in the house.

When he reached the top
of the stairs, Dr. Sheppard's
prints Rosbach and his compan-
ions interviewed the Sheppard's
Chip.

Dr. Sheppard also resisted the
murder house, but did not enter
it. He was first turned outside
and studied the stairs lead-
ing to the beach.

Bay Village police were told
last night by Ronald Callihan, 29,
595 Columbia Road, Bay Vil-
lage, a volunteer fireman, that
he had seen three fishermen near
the Sheppard residence on
the morning of the murder.

Saw "Two Juveniles"

These fishermen reported "two
juveniles" had been in the area
when they arrived at 6 a.m.

James G. Crossley, 45, of 2703
Normandy Road, Bay Village,
was fishing with his son, Jim, 8,
and Arthur Beard, 25, of Colum-
bus-Crosley's brother-in-law.

Crossley said the waves
which they arrived at 6 a.m.

The family was fishing on the
same day they arrived. They
had no idea the family had
been fishing near the Sheppard
home until Callihan and
another fireman, Dick Sum-
ers, approaching him.

The day began with Dr. Step-
hen N. Sheppard, the brother
who had charge of medical care
for the injured doctor, holding
a press conference in the hospi-
tal parking lot.

"Gone to Heaven"

There he told how Chip was
informed of his mother's death—
so that she could go to heaven
to assist in caring for Pam, 31-
month-old daughter of Dr. Step-
hen Sheppard, who died recently.

Because Marilyn had done such
a good job in rearing Chip, she
was "selected," the brother
related.

That Corrigan was "in com-
plete charge was revealed by
Dr. Stephen Sheppard. He
related how he knew that his
brother was innocent. He said his
brother was "alert and lucid"
and ready to stand questioning.

Go to Doctor's Room

Soon afterward Dr. Gerber
and Rosbach and Yetta ar-
rived.

(Previously, Dr. Sheppard
told the police that he was
waking up when he was struck
by the intruder. He was taken
to the morgue for study.

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In Dr. Stephen Sheppards
chair, pushed by Patrolman Cy
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“INFORMAL QUESTIONING” of several principals in the Sheppard murder case was shifted yesterday to the office of Assistant County Prosecutor John J. Mahon. At right is Bay Village Mayor J. Spencer Houk, one of those interviewed. Mrs. Thomas S. Reese, stepmother of the victim, Marilyn R. Sheppard, is shown at the left leaving Mahon’s office. With her is Sheriff Joseph M. Sweeney.