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## Report, November 21, 1954, Elmwood Place Police Department

Chief Thomas Fitzpatrick

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COPY OF REPORT FROM THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK, JR.  
CHIEF OF POLICE, ELMWOOD PLACE, OHIO.

Sunday

November 21, 1954

Time: Approx. 10 A.M.

On Sunday morning November 21, 1954 at approx. 10 am a man came into the police, department office and identified himself as Henry Fuehrer former convict, and residing at Turf Hotel 5900 Vine street Elmwood Place, Ohio Room #24.

Fuehrer wished to talk to me privately, I Chief of Police, Thomas Fitzpatrick Jr. too Henry Fuehrer into Clerks Office, where Fuehrer informed me that he was an X Convict, having served time, in the State of Ohio Pen, Mansfield and State of Tennessee Pen. He wanted me to know about this before he told me anything about the present murder case, now being tried in Bay Village Ohio, in which Doctor Sam Sheppherd is being accused of.

Fuehrer began by telling me that on night of July 3, 1954 he met another former X convict, known by him as "Pal" which the convict wished to be called. Meeting this "Pal" in a joint in Cleveland Ohio in a joint, they had been drinking together and left Cleveland Ohio drove to what, he called Bay Village Ohio. Fuehrer did'nt know he was in Bay Village until the other convict told him so. Finding no joint suitable to burglarize in Cleveland Ohio, "Pal" stated that he would go to Bay Village where there was money.

Fuehrer not knowing the vicinity in which he was, roade with "Pal" to the Lake, where "Pal" took a large screw driver, a pinch bar and a small flash light from the car. Fuehrer could see the Lake from the car, and shortly after heard loud arguing and swearing coming from the beach, he could identify the rough voice, of "Pal". Fuehrer became frightened and left the car on foot.

Arriving in Detroit Michigan two days later, Fuehrer read about the murder of Doc. Sheppherds wife, it has been bothering him ever since, because he believes, that Pal could be the man Bay Village Police may want, for the murder of Mrs. Sheppherd.

Fuehrer set the time, of being at the Lake side, in the car between 1-3:0 Am to 3-30Am on morning of July 4th, 1954 he not positive about the correct time. Fuehrer also stated that "Pal I'll get some money if I hav to"beat some ones brains out. I don't know what house he went into to, but I can identify the spot where Pal left me in the car.

How is Pal built? Fuehrer stated the X convict is 30 to 35 years of age, 6'2 190 to 200 lbs long chin boney structure, solid and strong, wide shoulders, big head bushy hair and thick, med complexion Brownish black hair, rugged type, fellow wears 7 1/2 to 8 size cap, is the type fellow that beats a woman around. His description matches the kilder's description given by Doctor Sheppherd.

What clothing was Pal wearing?

Fuehrer-Pal was wearing a dark Eisehauer jacket, Dark shirt no tie, no hat or cap dark Trousers and Black Trousers. The shirt was a sport shirt.

Will you return to Bay Village Ohio and give statements, to Bay Village police department. Yes.

Can you identify this man known as Pal? Fuehrer Yes.

I, Chief of Police Thomas Fitzpatrick Jr., then called Bay Village Ohio Police department and informed of what I had learned from Fuehrer in reference the Sheppherd case now being tried.

(Over)

Respectfully submitted;

S/ Thomas J. Fitzpatrick Jr.  
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