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7-15-1954

54/07/15 8:55AM, Jessie Dill

Bay Village Police Department

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SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT
BAY POLICE DEPT.

Offense Homicide Serial No. 54-194

Complainant _____

Address _____

Additional Details of Offense, Progress of Investigation, etc.

July 15, 1954 went to Painesville, Ohio on tip from Dr. Sam Sheppard that his sister-in-law had received call from a Jessie Dill.
/Dorothy Sheppard

Talked to and questioned Mrs. Dill in presence of Lt. Dockry of Painesville Police Dept.

See statements.

* what day WK of 13th ~~month~~ June
Bakery receipt to establish date of Jessie
encounter at Marilyn.

- took to house... identified wallet and shoes

This offense is declared:

Unfounded

Cleared by arrest

Exceptionally cleared

Inactive (not cleared)

Signed JHHubach, Sgt., FFDrenkhan, Pat Date 7/15/54
Investigating Officer

Signed _____ Date _____
Chief or Commanding Officer

This form is used by officer assigned to a case to report progress after three and seven days and weekly thereafter, also to report significant developments.

JESSIE DILL
948 N. STATE ST. PAINESVILLE O.

OFFENSE STATEMENT

OFFENSE _____

RE: CONTACT WITH
MRS SHEPPARD.

COMPLAINANT _____

ADDRESS PAINESVILLE POLICE OPT. TIME 8:15 A. M.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.

I, JESSIE DILL, MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THIS 15TH DAY OF JULY 1954, OF MY OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD, WITHOUT ANY THREATS OF VIOLENCE HAVING BEEN MADE AGAINST ME, OR, ANY PROMISES OR ANY SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO BE SHOWN TO ME BY ANY PERSON OR PERSONS AND HAVING BEEN FULLY ADVISED OF ALL MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT THIS STATEMENT MAY BE USED AGAINST ME IN ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION.

(STATEMENT)

I MET MRS. SHEPPARD ON A MONDAY OR TUESDAY - DATE UNCERTAIN - ON THE WEEK OF JUNE 20TH, ON THE BEACH AT FAIRPORT HARBOR, OHIO, EARLY AFTERNOON BEFORE 4 PM. MRS. SHEPPARD BEGAN THE CONVERSATION BY ASKING ME WHERE I BOUGHT MY COCO COLA, MY GIRL FRIEND AND I WERE SITTING ON BEACH - DRINKING COCO COLA. (GIRL FRIENDS NAME ANN BECKWITH - SAME ADDRESS - LOWER FLOOR). I TOLD HER THE PLACE WAS ON BEACH AND POINTED ONE OF THE PLACES OUT TO HER. SHE THANKED ME, STATED STATING SHE THOUGHT THE ONE STAND WAS CLOSED, DUE TO SCREENS OVER WINDOW - APPEARED SO. I TOLD HER THE PLACE WAS OPEN, PERHAPS PEOPLE HAD STEPPED OUT. WHILE WE WERE TALKING - MY DAUGHTER CAME UP FROM THE LAKE AND ASKED ME TO WATCH HER IN THE WATER. MY GIRL

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SIGNED _____
INVESTIGATING OFFICER

DATE 7-15-1954

SIGNED _____
Officer in charge

M.

JESSIE DILL

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OFFENSE _____

COMPLAINANT _____

ADDRESS _____ TIME 8:51 A M.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.

→ AND BOY WERE IN THE WATER, AND DIVING UNDER, MRS. SHEPPARD STATED "SHE I THINK THAT IS NICE, NOW DID YOU TEACH THEM?". I REPLIED, MY BROTHERS^{CHILDREN} TAUGHT THEM. SHE STATED - THAT SHE HAD A LITTLE BOY - HOWEVER HE WAS AFRAID OF THE WATER - OR AFRAID TO BE UNDER THE WATER - I DO NOT RECALL THE EXACT CONVERSATION AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER SHE STATED THAT HER SON WAS NAMED "CHIP". I EXPLAINED TO HER MY DAUGHTER'S NAME IS GRAYCE, AGE 6 IN OCT, AND MY BOYS NAME IS MAXWELL, CALLED "MAX" AND HIS AGE IS 4. THEIR WEIGHTS ARE WITHIN A POUND OR SO OF EACH OTHER. SHE THOUGHT THEY WERE TWINS. HER BOY "CHIP" WAS 6 YEARS OF AGE BUT LARGER THAN MY SON. AT THIS POINT MY SON CHOKED A BIT AND MY DAUGHTER CRIED OUT THAT HE WAS HAVING ANOTHER ATTACK FROM HIS HEART CONDITION. (BOY HAS AN ENLARGED HEART.) (THESE ARE NOT EXACT WORDS DAUGHTER USED - JUST EXPLAINING THE EVENTS). I TOLD HER THAT HE HAD SWALLOWED SOME WATER AND HE WOULD BE ALL RIGHT. I TOLD MRS. SHEPPARD THAT MAX HAD AN ENLARGED HEART CONDITION - THAT MY DAUGHTER BECOMES EXCITED WHEN MAX CHOKES, ~~SHE~~ THAT SHE HAD CRIED OUT "HE'S GOING TO DIE" WHEN MAX CHOKED IN WATER. I EXPLAINED THAT I HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A LOCAL DOCTOR AND HAD BEEN ADVISED TO WAIT FOR FURTHER DEVELOPEMENT BEFORE

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INVESTIGATING OFFICER

SIGNED _____ M.

Officer in charge

JESSIE DILL

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OFFENSE _____

COMPLAINANT _____

ADDRESS _____ TIME 8:45 A.M.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.

FUTURE TREATMENT. MRS. SHEPPARD STATED THAT HER HUSBAND WAS A DOCTOR - BUT NOT THAT KIND, HOWEVER HE WOULD BE ABLE TO ADVISE ME WHOM TO CONTACT. I ASKED HER FOR HER NAME, BUT SHE SAID THAT SHE WOULD RATHER NOT TELL ME. I DECIDED TO RETURN TO MY GIRL FRIEND. HOWEVER MRS. SHEPPARD SAID "WAIT A MINUTE, IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO, I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU." SHE APPEARED INTERESTED IN MY BOY. DURING CONVERSATION I MENTIONED THAT MAX HAD BEEN IN A HOSPITAL ONCE. AT THIS POINT - MY DAUGHTER SAID THAT SHE HAD BEEN IN A HOSPITAL ALSO. MRS. SHEPPARD SAID "WHAT FOR, HONEY," I INTERRUPTED AND SAID THAT DAUGHTER DID NOT REMEMBER, ONLY HAD HEARD ME TALK ABOUT IT. WHEN SHE WAS BORN, HAD TROUBLE WITH HER FEET. SHE ASKED ME WHAT ^{THAT WAS} ~~FARE~~. I TOLD HER THE CONDITION - AND SAID WE TOOK HER TO ELYRIA CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, ~~AT~~ THREE WEEKS OLD. FURTHER CONVERSATION REFERENCE CYLLAS CONDITION - BROUGHT OUT A STATEMENT FROM MRS. SHEPPARD "WE THINK WE ALL HAVE OUR TROUBLES, UNTIL WE MEET SOMEONE ELSE, WHO HAS MORE." I TOLD HER "I DID NOT THINK THEY WERE TROUBLES NOW, BUT CERTAINLY DID WHEN THEY WERE BOTH BABIES."

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DATE 7-15-54

SIGNED _____ Officer in charge

M.

JESSIE DILL

OFFENSE STATEMENT

OFFENSE _____

COMPLAINANT _____

ADDRESS _____

TIME 8:15 A.M.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.

- I ASKED HER "WHAT IS THE MATTER ARE YOU IN TROUBLE OR SOMETHING?". SHE ASKED ME WHAT THE BOYS (MAX) FATHER THOUGHT OF HIS CONDITION. I STATED ~~WE~~ MY HUSBAND AND I WERE DIVORCED. SHE SAID SHE WAS NOT IN TROUBLE - BUT THAT ~~SHE~~ THAT WAS WHAT SHE WAS THINKING OF, A DIVORCE. I TOLD HER DON'T GET A DIVORCE UNLESS YOU ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO. I ASKED HER "~~DO~~ DOES ~~HE~~ HE DRINK, AS THAT WAS THE TROUBLE WITH US" (OUR DIVORCE.) SHE TOLD ME NO, ~~IT~~ IT WASN'T THAT, HE WAS JUST A LITTLE PLAY BOY. I SAID DONT DIVORCE HIM FOR THAT. - ~~BT~~ SHE SAID "OH! THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME. I HAD TROUBLE WITH HIM 4 YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS IN CALIFORNIA." "HE HAD AN AFFAIR WITH A GIRL IN A HOSPITAL THERE!" "THEY TALKED ME OUT OF A DIVORCE THEN, BUT SOMETIMES I THINK IT WAS THE BEST THING TO DO - AND SOMETIMES I THINK IT WOULD HAVE SAVED ME A LOT OF TROUBLE NOW." I ASKED HER, WHAT IS THE MATTER, WHAT ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT?" SHE SAID SHE WAS FOUR MONTHS PREGNANT. I SAID THAT IS ONE REASON SHE SHOULD NOT THINK ABOUT A DIVORCE. SHE SAID IF ~~IT~~ IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THE FIRST BABY SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN DIVORCED BY NOW. I TOLD HER TO FORGET IT. SHE SAID SHE COULDN'T, AS HE WAS UP TO THE SAME THING AGAIN. (DID NOT STATE WHO WITH).

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Officer in charge

JESSIE DILL

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OFFENSE _____

COMPLAINANT _____

ADDRESS _____ TIME 8⁵⁵A M.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.

— I SAID HE MAY BE ONE OF THOSE MEN WHO NEVER GROW UP. SHE SAID SHE ~~COULDN'T~~ COULD UNDERSTAND IT NOW, THAT SHE HAD ~~MEET ANOTHER~~ BEEN GOING WITH ANOTHER MAN FOR ABOUT NINE MONTHS. I ASKED HER "AREN'T YOU IN LOVE WITH YOUR HUSBAND" SHE SAID SHE WAS WHEN SHE MARRIED HIM BUT NOT FOR THE LAST 2 YEARS, THAT SOMETIMES SHE COULD NOT STAND TO BE AROUND HIM. SINCE 4 YEARS AGO THINGS STARTED GETTING WORSE - NOW SHE DID NOT LOVE HIM AT ALL. I SAID "ARE YOU GOING TO DIVORCE HIM THEN?" SHE SAID - "THAT'S WHAT I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO AS IT WAS DRIVING HER CRAZY, WHETHER TO DIVORCE HIM AND MARRY THIS OTHER FELLOW - OR JUST STAY MARRIED.

PREVIOUSLY TO THIS I EXPLAINED TO HER THE HARDSHIPS OF BEING DIVORCED - (LACK TIME DUE TO NEED FOR JOB - MONEY - ETC), SHE SAID SHE WASN'T WORRIED ABOUT THAT - IT WAS JUST THAT SHOULD SHE GET A DIVORCE AND MARRY THIS OTHER MAN THAT THE BABY WOULD BE BORN ABOUT A MONTH AFTER SHE RE-MARRIED. I SAID "WHY DON'T YOU SIT DOWN AND TALK TO HIM (MR DR SHEPARD) ABOUT IT" SHE SAID - "NO, I JUST COULDN'T DO IT, I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO HIM." SO I MENTIONED WHY NOT SEE THE FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICE, THAT I HAD HAD THE SAME TROUBLE WHEN I WAS MARRIED -

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Officer in charge

JESSIE DILL

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ADDRESS _____ TIME 8:55 A M.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.

THAT MY HUSBAND HAD BEEN GOING OUT WITH ANOTHER GIRL. SHE SAID - NO - BECAUSE THEY WANTED TOO MUCH PERSONAL INFORMATION AND KEPT RECORDS. I SUGGESTED SHE SEE AN ATTORNEY, THAT THEY WOULD KEEP IT CONFIDENTIAL - AND ADVISE HER. I SUGGESTED MINE AS IT WAS AWAY FROM HER HOME. SHE DIDN'T SEEM TO KNOW IF THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA OR NOT. WAS VERY NERVOUS AT THIS POINT, AT POINT OF TEARS. I SUGGESTED MY MINISTER, AS I ALMOST BELIEVED SHE WAS TELLING ME TRUTH AND NEEDED HELP. SHE SAID "MAYBE I WOULD - BUT COULDN'T TO-DAY," THAT SHE HAD A MAN A GOOD FRIEND - "I WILL TALK IT OVER WITH ARNOLD AND - LET YOU KNOW WHAT I AM GOING TO DO," SAID ~~THE~~ "HOW CAN I GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU WHEN I COME BACK OUT." I GAVE HER MY NAME AND ADDRESS. SHE SAID "I WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU, * WHEN I COME OUT WE'LL GO FOR A RIDE." I SAID "WHAT IS YOUR NAME.?" SHE SAID SHE WOULD TELL ME LATER BUT NOT NOW, WE'LL ALL GO SWIMMING. I'LL PICK YOU UP SOME DAY - (IMPLIED SHE WOULD TAKE US HOME TO HER HOUSE) FOR LUNCH SOME DAY AND LET THE KIDS PLAY TOGETHER. SAID GOODBYE.

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Officer in charge

JESSIE DILL

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OFFENSE _____

COMPLAINANT _____

ADDRESS _____ TIME 8:51 A M.

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MY FIRST IMPRESSION WAS THAT SHE HAD BEEN DRINKING - DUE TO HER CONDITION - EYES - & ALMOST CRYING. HOWEVER I DO NOT KNOW THIS TO BE A FACT AS I DO NOT DRINK INTOX. LIQUOR, NEITHER DID I SMELL ALCOHOL ON HER BREATH. SHE CRIED FREQUENTLY DURING THE LATTER PART OF OUR CONVERSATION - AND WAS EXTREMELY NERVOUS. SHE HAD A LIGHT BROWN PURSE. THERE WAS A "BOY" EFFECT PURSE LYING ON THE BLANKET WITH HER, WHERE WE SAT. THE BLANKET WAS GREEN & RED BACKGROUND. FINGER NAIL ON LITTLE FINGER RIGHT HAND WAS BROKEN BADLY. HAD A SCRATCH ON SIDE OF RIGHT FOOT - NAVY BLUE SKIRT, ^{LIGHT} WHITE BLOUSE (YELLOW OR WHITE). HAD SHOULDER LENGTH BOB - MED. BROWN HAIR. PAID FOR A COCO COLA - FROM A DARK GREEN WALLET - AND AT THIS TIME SHOWED ME A PICTURE OF HER BOY,

AFTER READING ARTICLE IN PAPER - ON SAT. JULY 10th I CALLED OPERATOR AND ASKED FOR DR. SHEPPARD'S HOME - GOT THE SISTER IN LAW ^{DR. SISTER} ~~AND SHE~~ TOLD HER A BIT OF THE STORY, WANTED TO KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO. I DO NOT KNOW DEFINITELY HER RELATION WITH DR. SHEPPARD. ASKED HER IF THIS IS DR. SHEPPARD'S MOTHER - SAID WAS SISTER IN LAW. TOLD HER I HAD SEEN MRS. SHEPPARD IN FAIRPORT. SHE MADE NO COMMENT, EXCEPT TO FORGET IT - THAT IF ~~SH~~ THEY NEEDED ~~YER~~ ^{ME} THEY WOULD CALL ME.

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INVESTIGATING OFFICER

SIGNED _____ M.

Officer in charge

SERIAL NO. _____

JESSIE DILL

OFFENSE STATEMENT

OFFENSE _____

COMPLAINANT _____

ADDRESS _____

TIME 8 15 A.M.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.

I HAVE READ THIS STATEMENT WHICH I DICTATED TO OFFICERS JOSEPH E. GALLAGHER AND POLICE CLERK ARTHUR D. SMITH AND I FIND IT EXACTLY AS I GAVE IT TO THEM. THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE IN EVERY DETAIL, SO HELP ME GOD.

SIGNATURE Jessie Dill

WITNESSED BY:
J. Gallagher P.P.D. #1
Arthur Smith #14

SIGNED _____ DATE 7-15-54
INVESTIGATING OFFICER

SIGNED _____ M.
Officer in charge

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