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## Report, July 23, 1954, Cleveland Police Department

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

CLEVELAND, OHIO

## DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

DIST. ZONE DB-SIN

July 23, 1954

EXAMINED BY *R. H. [Signature]* RANK *[Signature]*

FROM Henry E. Dombrowski, Det # 120 TO David L. Cowles, Supt.

SUBJECT Examination of Scene of Homicide of Marilyn Sheppard,

COPIES TO

Sir:

At 8:15 A.M. this date together with Detectives Elmer Roubal # 210 and Poalking # 28 went to 28934 Lake Road, Bay Village City, Ohio to examine the scene of the homicide of Marilyn Sheppard.

Examination of the home disclosed the following. Spots of what appeared to be dried drops of blood and ~~xxxx~~ upon testing with a benzidine reagent gave a positive reaction, were found at the following locations: on the third tread and the sixth tread from the bottom of the basement landing of the stairs leading from the basement to the kitchen; on both metal bands on the face of the treads and both risers of the steps leading from the kitchen to the first landing of the stairs leading to the second floor; on the face of the first tread and both risers going from the living room to the first landing of the same stairs leading to the second floor; and there were ~~xxxx~~ spots on several of the risers leading from the landing to the second floor hallway.

Similar spots were also found on the tread of the living room door leading into the screened in porch on the north side of the building. Spots were also found on the porch floor in the area adjacent to this door.

Examination of the red leather chair in the Doctor's Study disclosed several thin film-like spots on the face of the cushion and the area below it. These gave a positive test with Benzidine reagent.

Scrappings of blood were brought to the Laboratory from the basement and kitchen stairs.

A plasticine impression was made of what appears to be a freshly made tool mark in a door ~~in~~ at the foot of the basement stairs. This door leads to a crawl space at the front of the house. Mark appears to have been made by a chisel or wedge like tool of more than 7/8" in width which is the length of the impression, however this does not show both edges of the tool.

Cuyahoga County Coroner's  
Office *MARCH 1996*

Case # 76629 *A - 49*

Respectfully,

*[Signature]*  
Henry E. Dombrowski, Det # 120