

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**  
**COVER SHEET**

**SUBJECT: MARILYN REESE**  
**SHEPPARD**

**FILE: 62D-CV-2664**

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3005 Federal Office Building  
Cleveland, Ohio 44199

March 23, 1983

Mr. Pete Gray  
Chief of Police  
Bay Village Police Department  
350 Dover Center Road  
Bay Village, Ohio 44140

Dear Chief Gray:

In regards to the metal fireplace tongs submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Laboratory, the following is being submitted to more fully clarify examination conducted at the Laboratory:

Examination of two hairs found on the tongs and wrapping paper determined that the hairs

[REDACTED]

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In a conversation between Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the Metallurgy Section of the FBI Laboratory, [REDACTED] advised as follows:

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[REDACTED] advised that the submitted fireplace tongs are made of brass and brass is very resistant to corrosion. [REDACTED] was asked by SA [REDACTED] if said samples would be of value in determining metal wear and determination to formulate a hypothesis relative to the age of the tongs and the length of time they were imbedded in the ground.

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[REDACTED]

1 - Addressee  
① Cleveland (62D-2664)

(2) [REDACTED]

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Searched [REDACTED]  
Serialized [REDACTED]  
Indexed [REDACTED]  
Filed [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that he would be able to possibly refer Chief Gray to an expert in the field of metal corrosion and requested Chief Gray contact him at the FBI Laboratory, telephone number (202) 324-[REDACTED] for further information.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Griffin  
Special Agent in Charge

*b7c*

By:

[REDACTED]  
Supervisory Special Agent

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND *62D 2664*

DATE: *4/7/77*

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: *Unsub - Depled  
Baylor - Depled  
Victim - Depled  
Muder - Bay Village*

In review of this file, the following bulky evidence is still maintained by the Cleveland Division:

*Returned  
- to Chief  
Patricia [unclear]  
Bay Village  
Ohio 2/5/73*

I have reviewed all green sheets and the following bulky evidence may be returned or destroyed. (Please state action taken to return evidence).

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Before returning evidence, I determined it necessary to discuss it with the USA or others. (Please inform results of talk).

1 - Case file  
[REDACTED]



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The following bukly evidence must be retained  
for these reasons: (Be specific).

SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL

After discussing the matter with the Case Agent,  
above evidence must be retained.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials of Supervisor)

I disagree with the Case Agent for the following  
reasons:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials of Supervisor)

PLEASE BE SURE TO BLOCKSTAMP AND HAVE SUPERVISOR  
INITIAL AND THEN ATTACH TO INVENTORY COPY

Thanks

Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence  
FD-192 (Rev. 5-23-80)

Date 11/23/82

Title and Character of Case

UNSUB;  
MARILYN SHEPPARD  
VICTIM-DECEASED;  
MURDER;  
BAY VILLAGE, OHIO 1954

Date Property Acquired 11/22/82  
Source From Which Property Acquired CUYAHOGA COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit BULKY ROOM  
Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same EVIDENCE

To Be Returned See Serial Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit Agent Assigned Case  
 Yes  No [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Yes  No Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Description of Property or Exhibit

- One set fireplace tongs
- 1 set newspapers
- 1 set brown wrapping paper
- 2 envelopes debris

*Turned over to PD  
Bay Village 11/2/83  
ENTERED AS 1A'* b7c

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

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OO: CLEVELAND

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Field File No. 62D-2664

OO and File No. CLEVELAND

Date Received 1/20/83

From \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY AND STATE)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned  Yes

No

Yes

No

Receipt Given  Yes

No

**Grand Jury Material-  
Disseminate Only  
Pursuant to Rules  
6(e), Federal Rules  
of Criminal Procedure**

Description:

FD192 1B'

Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence  
FL 12 (Rev. 5-23-80)

Date 11/23/82

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MARILYN SHEPPARD  
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Sent to Lab 11/23/82 R024833673  
RETURNED 1/1/83 R020532211

*Returned To  
Bay Village Police  
11/17/83* [Redacted]

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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [Redacted]

Field File # 62D-2664 11/23

OO: CLEVELAND

KEEP ATTACHED TO EXHIBIT  
CV 62D-2664-11/23

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**  
**COVER SHEET**

**SUBJECT: MARILYN REESE**  
**SHEPPARD**

**FILE: 163-18208**

REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

1 - [REDACTED]

To: SAC, Cleveland (62D-2664)

December 2, 1982

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

21126071 S UK WM RU

Re: UNSUB;  
MARILYN SHEPPARD - VICTIM - DECEASED;  
MURDER  
BAY VILLAGE, OHIO, 1954  
DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION

Examination requested by: Cleveland  
Reference: Communication dated November 23, 1982  
Examination requested: Microscopic Analyses - Chemical Analyses -  
Metallurgy - Fingerprint  
Specimens received: November 26, 1982

- Specimens:
- Q1 Fireplace tongs
  - Q2 Newspapers
  - Q3 Brown wrapping paper
  - Q4-Q5 Debris

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[REDACTED] (4)\*

[REDACTED]

MAILED 2  
DEC 1 1982  
FBI

MAIL ROOM

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Result of examination:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] These hairs are suitable for microscopic comparisons and have been mounted on glass microscope slides for possible future comparisons.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
You are being advised of the other requested examinations and the disposition of the evidence by a subsequent report.

Dictation

21126071

NOV 20 2.M.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] These hairs are suitable for microscopic  
comparisons and have been mounted on glass microscope  
slides for possible future comparisons. **b7D**

[REDACTED]  
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You are being advised of the other requested  
examinations and the disposition of the evidence by  
a separate ~~and~~ subsequent report.

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RECORDED  
11/30/82

11/26/82

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LATENT

Laboratory Work Sheet

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To: SAC, Cleveland (62D-2664)

FBI FILE NO.

*63-18208-1*

LAB. NO.

21126071 S UK WM RU

Re: UNSUB;  
MARILYN SHEPPARD-VICTIM-DECEASED;  
MURDER  
BAY VILLAGE, OHIO, 1954  
DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION

YOUR NO.

Examination by:

Examination requested by: Cleveland

Reference: Communication dated November 23, 1982

Examination requested: Microscopic Analyses - Chemical Analyses -  
Metallurgy - *Fingerprint*

Specimens received: November 26, 1982

Specimens:

- Q1 Fireplace tongs
- Q2 Newspapers
- Q3 Brown wrapping paper
- Q4-Q5 Debris

*Q1 to RU on 11/30*

*Q1-Q5 to WM on 1/29*

*Q1-Q5 Ret on 11/30*

3 pOboxes  
5 slides

21126071 S UK  
WM

Q1 Fireplace tongs received in sealed  
brown wrapping paper, gold color.

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Initialed. 1/2

Q2 Newspaper received in sealed brown  
wrapping paper. "The Journal" Sunday  
November 7, 1982, front page — p. 8 section  
and Business Section of "The Plain  
Dealer, Sunday November 7, 1982 E1-E4  
Initialed

Q3 Brown wrapping paper received in sealed  
brown wrapping paper. Label on  
wrapping paper "Bay Village, Ohio Police  
Department" in two sections. Initialed

Q4-Q5 Debris received in two separate  
sealed plastic envelopes inside  
another white paper sealed envelope  
Initialed

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P1

[REDACTED]

P2

[REDACTED]

P3

[REDACTED]

P4

[REDACTED]

P5

[REDACTED]

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AIRTEL

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11/23/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
 EVIDENCE CONTROL CENTER  
 ATTN: [REDACTED]  
 SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS UNIT

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (62D-2664)

RE: UNSUB;  
 MARILYN SHEPPARD-VICTIM-DECEASED;  
 MURDER  
 BAY VILLAGE, OHIO, 1954  
 DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION  
 OO: CV

21126071  
 3a  
 4b  
 [REDACTED]

Re CV (telcall) to FBI Laboratory, 11/22/82.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory under separate cover are the following items:

- Q1 1. One set of fireplace tongs.
- Q2 2. One set newspapers.
- Q3 3. One set brown wrapping paper.
- Q4-Q5 4. Two envelopes containing debris.

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For the information of the FBI Laboratory, instant fireplace tongs were unearthed from the backyard of Dr. Sam Sheppard on 11/19/82 by a neighbor who was putting in a new water line. This individual wrapped the tongs in newspapers which are enclosed. The Bay Village, Ohio Police Department subsequently wrapped the package in the brown wrapping paper which is also being submitted. The envelopes contain debris which was preserved from tongs and is also being submitted.

Chief of Police Peter Gray, Bay Village, Ohio Police Department and Dr. Samuel Gerber, Cuyahoga County, Ohio Coroner, have requested the submission of these items to the FBI Laboratory and requested the following examinations:

- 5 - Bureau
- ① - Package
- 1 - Cleveland

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LC# C-17518

11/23/82

CV 62D-2664

1. Latent fingerprint examinations. *CFPS*
2. Presence of blood be determined. *46*
3. Hairs and fibers identified. *3a, b*
4. Manufacturer and date of manufacture. *6*
5. Composition of metal and weight.

Blood and hair samples are available at the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office.

Dr. Gerber has had made a wax replica of the head of Marilyn Sheppard which has been reproduced in detail showing the wounds as they appeared on the victim. The FBI Laboratory is also requested to determine if tests may be conducted using submitted fireplace tongs to determine if this instrument could produce wounds identical to the victim's.

For the information of the FBI Laboratory, the find of this instrument has received publicity in Cleveland area newspapers, however, no specific details have been released by authorities.

It is requested that this matter receive expedite handling.

ALL EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO BE PRESERVED AND RETURNED  
TO FBI CLEVELAND.

7-2 (5-12-82)

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11/30/82

11/26/82

LATENT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

To: SAC, Cleveland (62D-2664)

FBI FILE NO. 63-18208-1

LAB. NO. 21126071 S UK WM RD

YOUR NO.

Re: UNSUB;  
MARILYN SHEPPARD-VICTIM-DECEASED;  
MURDER  
BAY VILLAGE, OHIO, 1954  
DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION

Examination by:

Q1-5 from [redacted] 11/29/82  
Ret'd 11/30/82

Examination requested by: Cleveland

Reference: Communication dated November 23, 1982

Examination requested: Microscopic Analyses - Chemical Analyses -  
Metallurgy - Fingerprint

Specimens received: November 26, 1982

Specimens:

- Q1 Fireplace tongs
- Q2 Newspapers
- Q3 Brown wrapping paper
- Q4-Q5 Debris

[redacted] Dict.  
[redacted]

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BLOOD EXAMINATION

Lab No. 211260715 UK WM  
 Contributor  
 SAC, Cleveland  
 Date  
 11/29/52

Specimen	Pheno.	Hemo.	Anti-H	Groupings		Crust	Remarks
				Elut.	Inh.		
Q1 Fireplace Tongs	-						[REDACTED]
	Benz.						
Q2 Two Sections of Newspaper	-						[REDACTED]
Q3 Brown Wrapping Paper	-						[REDACTED] b7D
Q4 Debris	-						[REDACTED]
Q5(A) Debris	-						[REDACTED]
(B) Debris	-						[REDACTED]
							[REDACTED]

FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype
- Facsimile
- AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
- Priority
- Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET
- SECRET
- CONFIDENTIAL
- UNCLAS E F T O
- UNCLAS

Date 11/23/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
 EVIDENCE CONTROL CENTER  
 ATTN: [REDACTED]  
 SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS UNIT

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (62D-2664)

RE: UNSUB;  
 MARILYN SHEPPARD-VICTIM-DECEASED;  
 MURDER  
 BAY VILLAGE, OHIO, 1954  
 DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION  
 OO: CV

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 MAU UK

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- 5 - Bureau
- 1 - Package
- 1 - Cleveland

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

For Lab Action and Report

11/23/82



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT of the LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 62D-2664  
FBI FILE NO.  
LATENT CASE NO. C-17518

December 22, 1982

*M*

TO: SAC, Cleveland

*for*

*9*

RE: UNSUB.: f  
MARILYN SHEPARD - VICTIM - DECEASED  
MURDER  
DAY VILLAGE, OHIO  
1954  
DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION

REFERENCE: Airtel 11/23/82  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Cleveland  
SPECIMENS: 01, fireplace tongs

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*(3)*  
*(1/1/82)*

[REDACTED]

The results of the laboratory examinations and the disposition of the specimen are the subjects of a separate report.

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11/30/82

11/16/82

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Recorded: 11-16-82

Laboratory Work Sheet

Received: 12-16-82

To: SAC, Cleveland (62D-2664)

Note: Expedite

FBI FILE NO. 63-18208-

LAB. NO. 21126971 S UK WH 80

YOUR NO. LC #C-17518

Re: UNSUB;  
MADISON SHEPPARD-VICTIM-DECEASED;  
MURDER  
BAY VILLAGE, OHIO, 1984  
DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION

Examination by: [REDACTED]

Noted By:

Examination requested by: Cleveland

Reference: Airtel dated November 23, 1982

Examination requested: Microscopic Analyses - Chemical Analyses -  
Metallurgy - Fingerprint

Specimens received: November 26, 1982

Q1 to Q5 for exam + net to Lab for dupes - Report rec'd 12/16/82 [REDACTED]

Specimens:

- Q1 Fireplace tongs
- Q2 Newspapers
- Q3 Brown wrapping paper
- Q4-Q5 Debris

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12/16 [REDACTED] b7D

Rel'd to Lab 2:30 pm, Rec'd by [REDACTED]

Examination Completed 2:30 pm 11/16/82 Dictated 11/16/82

Time

Date

Date

Q-1-Q5  
AIRTEL

11/23/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
EVIDENCE CONTROL CENTER  
ATTN: [REDACTED]  
SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS UNIT

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (62D-2664)

RE: UNSUB;  
MARILYN SHEPPARD-VICTIM-DECEASED;  
MURDER  
BAY VILLAGE, OHIO, 1954  
DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION  
OO: CV

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3a  
4b  
6  
[REDACTED]

11516  
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5 - Bureau  
① - Package  
1 - Cleveland  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] 248.  
12/21

REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

1 - [REDACTED]

To: SAC, Cleveland (62D-2664)

December 22, 1982

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO. 21126071 S UK WM RU

UNSUB; <sup>1</sup>  
MARILYN SHEPPARD-VICTIM-DECEASED;  
Re: MURDER  
BAY VILLAGE, OHIO, 1954  
DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION

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Examination requested by: Cleveland  
Reference: Communication dated November 23, 1982  
Examination requested: Microscopic Analyses - Chemical Analyses -  
Metallurgy  
Specimens received: November 26, 1982

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Result of examination:

This report supplements the FBI Laboratory report in this case dated December 2, 1982. All of the requested examinations are now completed. For a detailed listing of the evidence please refer to that report.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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You are being advised of the results of the fingerprint examination by a separate report. The submitted items are being returned under separate cover by registered mail.

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[REDACTED] (4)  
[Signature]

[REDACTED] 393  
[REDACTED]

DEC 23 1982

DICTION

21126071

This report supplements the FBI LABORATORY report in this case dated Dec 2, 1952. All of the requested examinations are now completed. For a detailed listing of the evidence please refer to that report.

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You are being advised of the results of the fingerprint examinations by a separate report.

The submitted items are being returned under separate covers by registered mail.

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11/30/82

11/26/82

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LATENT

Laboratory Work Sheet

To: SAC, Cleveland (62D-2664)

FBI FILE NO.

63 - 18208 - 4

LAB. NO.

21126071 S UK WM RU

YOUR NO.

Re: UNSUB;  
MARILYN SHEPPARD-VICTIM-DECEASED;  
MURDER  
BAY VILLAGE, OHIO, 1954  
DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION

Examination by:

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Q1 rec'd 11-30-82  
E - ret'd 12-16-82  
D - 12-17-82

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Metallurgy Dictation



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Q1 fireplace tongs; [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Q1

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

sample in pillbox.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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0-4a (Rev. 8-6-82)  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: 12/22/82  
TO: SAC, Cleveland (62D-2664)

Re: UNSUB;  
MARILYN SHEPPARD-VICTIM-DECEASED;  
MURDER  
BAY VILLAGE, OHIO, 1954  
DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION

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Invoice of Contents

Q1 - Q5

Return to  
Room 3931 TL 241  
FBI File # 63-10208  
Case # 21126071 S UK WM RU  
Your # \_\_\_\_\_  
Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail Room: 1B327, TL 152  
(registered mail)  
 PSM - Supply Unit, 1B353  
(not registered)

Shipping # 9020532 [redacted]  
Shipping Method [redacted] 12/2/82

FBI/DOJ

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**  
**COVER SHEET**

**SUBJECT: MARILYN REESE**  
**SHEPPARD**

**CROSS REFERENCE**

## memorandum

DATE: 11/22/82

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: ASAC-C RICHARD D. SCHWEIN

SUBJECT: DR. SAMUEL SHEPPARD (DECEASED);  
MARILYN SHEPPARD (DECEASED) - VICTIM;  
MURDER; LABORATORY MATTERS

TO: SAC, CLEVELAND (92-718)

On 11/22/82, Chief of Police (COP) Pete Gray, Bay Village PD, telephonically advised that he believed the murder weapon in the Sheppard murder case had just been found. Chief Gray said that the current owner of the house where Samuel and Marilyn lived had been digging a trench to lay a new water line. Approximately five inches into the ground he found a brass fire tong. Chief Gray said the fire tongs had been buried in sandy soil and appeared to be remarkably preserved. Initial examination indicates that there may be hair adhering to the surface of the tongs. The tongs are being taken to the Cuyahoga County coroner for comparison of the deceased Marilyn Sheppard and to see if a determination can be made by the coroner as to whether, in fact, this may be the murder weapon. Chief Gray would like to submit the fire tongs to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate forensic examination. He pointed out that this examination could have great historical significance but reminded me that all of the principals in this case are now dead.

On 11/22/82, I discussed this matter with Deputy Assistant Director William Doran, FBI Laboratory, who stated that the laboratory would conduct the required examinations. Doran will have Section Chief Bill Cronin contact us to furnish details of procuring and shipping the evidentiary item.

1 - SA Dunn (Media Coordinator) (Info)  
1 - 80-763 (Media Control File)

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SAC-DJ

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FBI - CLEVELAND	



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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10  
(REV. 7-76)  
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6  
5010-112

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.) E1

The Plain Dealer  
Cleveland, Oh

Date: 11/23/82  
Edition:

Title:

Character:  
or  
Classification: 62D-2664  
Submitting Office: CV

Indexing:

# Tool may be Sheppard weapon

By John P. Coyne

More than 28 years after Marilyn R. Sheppard was bludgeoned to death in her Bay Village home, law enforcement officials said they might have uncovered the long-missing murder weapon.

Bay Village Police Chief Peter J. Gray yesterday confirmed a tool was found, buried five inches deep in a yard near the Sheppards' former lakefront home, 28924 Lake Rd.

The neighbor who unearthed the find gave it to Gray Friday, setting off new inquiries into Greater Cleveland's most publicized slaying, which led to the conviction and later acquittal of the victim's husband, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard.

"I don't know if it has anything to do with the Marilyn Sheppard case," Gray said. "Over the years, there have been many, many things turned in that could have been potential weapons.

"This may or may not be the

right one. It's too early to tell," he said. Gray would not describe the find except to call it a "tool of sorts." He also would not identify who found it.

However, a preliminary examination by the Cuyahoga County coroner's office matched the tool to some of the 35 blows to the head and body which killed Marilyn Sheppard near daybreak July 4, 1954, Gray said.

"Some of the blows would be consistent with the object we found, while some others would not be," Gray said, speculating that two weapons could have been used.

He cautioned that officials have not yet determined if the tool had been manufactured at the time Marilyn Sheppard, 31 and four months pregnant, was killed.

"We have to get positive identification on it and go from there," Gray said.

Two FBI agents took the instrument to the FBI laboratory in Quantico, Va., where agents will

checked for fingerprints, he said.

It was not known how long the tool had been buried, but Gray said the coroner's office found root fibers attached to it, indicating it had been underground for at least several years.

"It could have been put there 28 years ago or it might have been there only a few years," he said, adding it could have been planted in the yard by a publicity seeker.

The find came just days after a movie, "Guilty or Innocent: The Sam Sheppard Murder Case," was re-run on television here depicting the life of the man known as Dr. Sam, who was convicted of the murder in a dramatic trial five months after his wife's death.

He was freed 10 years later in a complicated round of appeals. Two years later, in 1966, the U.S. Supreme Court, citing extensive, prejudicial publicity, reversed his conviction. A new trial found him not guilty. Sheppard died in 1970 at age 46.

Gray said the weapon always had been a loose end in the investigation. He said police got phone calls offering tips whenever the movie was shown. None has turned up any new evidence, he said.

Coroner Samuel R. Gerber, who offered key testimony in both of Sheppard's trials, declined to discuss the latest findings. Mary E. Cowan, senior medical technologist, who worked on the original case, examined the tool but would not comment about it.