

To: Lt. Edward McNelley  
From: P.O. Diane M. Culhane  
Subject: 39 Eastbourne St Incident

Sir,

On Tuesday 10/29/91 I went to 39 Eastbourne St. with Det. Peter O'Malley. While Detective O'Malley interviewed Tom Shay in the dining room, I spoke with Mary Flanagan in the back porch area.

Mary Flanagan stated that she and Tom had talked about what had happened. Mary said that Tom was not sure that the device was ever actually on his car, because he found it in the driveway. He speculated that the device could have been thrown in the driveway. He recalled that there had been a prowler in their driveway a few weeks earlier. So it could have happened again. Or maybe someone placed it on her car when she was at the post office and that someone may have had a grudge against the post office so they put a bomb under her car and it fell off in the driveway. Tom had indicated that his gut feeling was that it was not Jeff and Louie who did it. Mary said, Tom said, "I just don't have that gut feeling that they would do this."

Mary indicated that she does not know when the bomb was found

Information given by Mary Flanagan:

Employment;

Employed by the U.S. Postal Service  
income early to mid \$30,000 annually  
employed there about 6 years

works in Roslindale

does not hold a supervisory position

member of postal workers union

shop steward. This position involves bringing problems to the attention of management on behalf of workers.

the problems are always works out.

No hard feelings with anyone

Mary said she has never been involved in suspensions or firings or any disciplinary actions against any co-workers

Relationship with Tom:

met at a party about 10 yrs. ago

He was married but separated and under the impression his wife was getting a divorce.

Mary became pregnant

Mary wanted to get married

Two years later he got a divorce.

Tom moved in with Mary shortly after her mother died.

He is now divorced.

They live together with their daughter Kristen

After Tom moved in he became increasingly paranoid. At first Mary thought he was just careful. Always double checking locks on doors and generally suspicious that someone might get in. Within the first year he boarded up some windows (I am not sure if this is a reference to the sticks or if this is a separate incident)

He installed locks on in the front windows w/i the first year of moving in and put sticks behind the locks of all the windows. Mary eventually removed these.

Most recently he added a motion detector. He is constantly worried that someone might be after him.

Mary indicates that they have a good relationship and that they love each other. She is very defensive when asked about who pays the bills and how Tom makes a living.

Mary does not mind supporting him. Everything is ours.

When asked if he had any gambling debts she indicated that it would not matter because she would give him the money if he needed it.

Chronology of events;

Body shop in Alston early 70's owned by father Tom's father

Tom and his brother inherited business 10-15yrs ago

mid 80's moved business to Jeff and Louies for a better location

needed better location to increase business. Business increased

October 1987 explosion in Jeff and Louie's shop

Mary's mothers death April 1988

moved into Mary's house

Left shop located in Jeff and Louies building in 1989. Business was not doing well, business had been going down for a while

After Detective O'Malley finished interviewing Tom Shay, Tom came into the back porch where Mary and I were sitting and began relating his conversation to Mary. He asked her if she remembered what time she left in the morning and they discussed their separate morning schedules. Tom then related the incidents of the day by describing what he did in great detail. At the point in his story where the explosion occurred he no longer mentioned his own activities. He spoke only of the activities of the police officers and in very vague terms with little detail.

I asked him what he did when the bomb exploded.

*answer* The officer wanted towels.

I asked him again what he did.

*answer* He answered by telling about the condition of the female officer after she went back to see what happened.

I asked him what he did when he heard the explosion.

*answer* He told me how upset he was and how he hoped it was not a real bomb.

Later, I was standing outside beyond the taped area and was engaged in conversation by a neighbor Jim, who had heard the explosion. (Jim indicated that he lived across the street and diagonally to the left if your back is to the Flangan house) Jim stated that he was inside his house when he heard the explosion. He ran outside to see what happened, and ran over the area where the officers (Sgt. Creavan and P.O. Kraft) went. Sgt. Creavan told him to get some towels. Jim ran back to his house, got several towels, and ran back to the scene with the towels.

I asked where Tom Shay was during this time. *answer* I don't know.

I asked if Tom Shay went to the back of the truck with him to where the officers were to see what happened.

*answer* I didn't see him there.

Did he come with you when you got the towels?

*answer* NO

Where was he when you came back with the towels?

*answer* I don't know?

Can you remember seeing him at all.

*answer* Now that I think about it, at some point I remember seeing him walking around in front.

Has anybody been over to interview you.

*answer* Yes

Jim introduced his wife Eleanor who stated that she had come home just before the explosion and remembers because Tom Shay had parked a car in a way that made it hard for here to access her driveway. She was looking around to see where he was because of the parked car when she noticed him standing in his driveway with a black box in his hand. She then went into her own house.

During conversation in the evening, Tom repeatedly and emphatically said he feared for Mary and; would we check her car, would we let him have a carpenter board up the cellar window, what kind of protection would they have, when are the police leaving the area.

Tom kept repeatedly stated, "I don't want to think who would do this. I don't want to suspect that someone would want to do this. This shouldn't have happened.

Tom's daughter came to spend the evening with Mary and her father there relationship was loving and supportive. The daughter, Jean, 29yrs, had a good relationship with Mary.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy M. Collier 6805-*