

**BOSTON POLICE HOMICIDE UNIT**  
(Investigation report)

CC #11-919390

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Homicide of Officer Jeremiah Hurley	Det. P. O'Malley Det. M. Thomas Det. W. Fogerty	1 of 1
Incident location	Case #	Method
39 Eastbourne St. Roslindale Ma.		Bomb
Report Re:		Date
Interview with Louis Rotman and wife Rosalyn Rotman		10-30-91

On 10-29-91 Det. John McCarthy & Sgt. Det. Tim Murray responded to 32 Devine Rd in Randolph, which is the home of Louis W. Rotman and his wife of 39 yrs. Roselyn Rotman. Louis Rotman is 65 yrs. old DOB 4-17-26 Soc. Sec. # 030144626, home phone # 963-6405. Mr. Rotman has been retired as a dress cutter since April of this year.

In 1988 Mr. Rotman had a prior repair done on his previously owned vehicle by Mr. Thomas Shay. Sometime after this transaction he received in the mail a postcard (see enclosure) from Mr. Shay, and that is the reason he went to him after this accident.

On Oct. 10, 1991 the Rotman's 1990 Buick Park Ave. Ma. Reg. 520SJT was in an accident while it was parked and unattended, at the Sudbury Farms Parking lot located at 340 North Main St. and which contains their clothing store Clothes Quarters of Randolph, store phone # 963-6575. The motor vehicle is insured by the Trust Insurance Co. and their agent is an Arnold Freedman phone # 963-9570 & 963-8261. According to the Rotman's there was a police report of the accident filed with the Randolph Police Dept. on 10-10-91. On Saturday Oct. 12, 1991 Thomas Shay viewed the damage to the Rotman's vehicle at the Howard Johnson's on Rte. 138, and I believe that they exchanged vehicles on Monday Oct. 14, 1991. The Rotman's taking Shay's vehicle and Shay taking their's. Mr. Shay returned their vehicle on Friday Oct. 25, 1991 at 11AM at their store in Randolph, and took his vehicle back.

Mr Rotman had been working for Personal Sportswear located in South Boston at the old Army Base. Mr. Rotman was a dress cutter before his retirement. Other companies would use him if they had a special order or a problem dress or skirt to cut out. Mrs. Rotman stated that they buy their dresses from salesman in New York and that they usually pay their bills in 10 days and with the economy being the way it is salesman like doing business with them because they pay so promptly. The Rotman's keep a large amount of dresses in their cellar which we observed as we went to view their vehicle.

Mr. Rotman has never been a witness to a crime and has never testified in court against anyone. They have received no prank phone calls and no hang-ups. Mr. Rotman stated he hasn't known anyone in 35yrs. who had a grudge, or for that matter no one who even stopped talking to us because of a problem. The Rotman's stated that they don't owe a cent to anyone, that their house is paid off and since the accident they have paid off their car. No one else has used the Shay vehicle since the Rotman's had custody of it, and when it was at their house they would keep it in their garage at night just as they did with their own car. We viewed the Rotman's vehicle and looked in the trunk and all the items inside the trunk the Rotman's stated were their's. Nothing was left behind by Shay in the vehicle. Mr. Rotman stated he didn't reset the trip meter so he couldn't tell how far their vehicle had gone after they gave it to Thomas Shay.

This report reflects the writers impressions of what was said by Mr. and Mrs. Rotman to Det. John McCarthy and Sgt. Det. Tim Murray. It is not to be construed as a verbatim statement.

Det. John H. McCarthy  
Homicide Unit

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Date 10/28/91

DISTRICT/UNIT Area E

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TO: Gerard McHale Deputy Superintendent Area E

FROM: John J. Mulligan Detective Area E

SUBJECT: Interview of Lou Rotman of Randolph, Mass.

SIR:

Detective John Mulligan assigned to Area E did call Mr. Lou Rotman of Randolph, Mass. as requested by Det. Peter O'Malley of the Homicide Unit, Mr. Rotman stated to me that he did use Thomas Shay's car for two weeks and did return the vehicle to him on Friday October 25, 1991 about 12:00 P.M., Mr Rotman is 65 yrs old and does not have any person who might harm him.

Respectfully Submitted

  
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John J. Mulligan Badge 564

Detective