

STATEMENTS MADE BY THOMAS A. SHAY
IN JUNE, 1992

I. June 4, 1992

LOCATION: U.S. Attorneys Office and
U.S. Marshal's Office

PRESENT: SA Tom D'Ambrosio, ATF
SA Jeff Kerr, ATF
AUSA Paul Kelly

PURPOSE: Taking of Handwriting Exemplars

This session to take handwriting exemplars from Shay Jr. was scheduled to occur on Thursday, June 4, 1992 at 10:00 a.m. Attorney William McPhee was notified and was due to attend. After waiting approximately 3 hours for Attorney McPhee to arrive, we received telephone notice from Mr. McPhee that he was unable to make the session due to a conflicting court commitment. Mr. McPhee requested that we bring his client down from the U.S. Marshal's lock-up and put him on the telephone. Agents D'Ambrosio and Kerr escorted Shay Jr. down from the lock-up to AUSA Paul Kelly's office where he was given access to a telephone.

AUSA Kelly dialed Attorney McPhee's number (at the Dedham Courthouse), put Shay Jr. on the line, and the agents and AUSA Kelly left the room (with the door open for security reasons). A few minutes later, Shay Jr. called AUSA Kelly back in and handed him the phone. AUSA Kelly spoke briefly with Attorney McPhee and then hung-up the telephone. AUSA Kelly then asked Shay Jr. what his attorney had told him, to which Shay Jr. said "he said it was okay to talk to you guys."

AUSA Kelly then asked the agents to begin the process of taking the handwriting samples. Shay Jr. protested and said he'd do the handwriting later and that he wanted to "talk first." Shay Jr. then began freely carrying on a conversation with both agents. He was reminded of the seriousness of the matter and told that it may not be in his best interests to talk with us. Shay Jr. stated that he was innocent of any involvement in the bombing and wanted to talk.

Shay Jr. challenged the agents to show him what evidence they had that connected him to the bombing. Shay Jr. stated that he was a "good detective." At that point Agent D'Ambrosio showed Shay Jr. an enlarged copy of the Radio Shack receipt of the 10-18-91 transaction. He was asked what, if anything, he saw on the slip that was significant. Shay Jr. stated "the components", and "the fact that the store is near Christian Science." Agent D'Ambrosio then pointed out three (3) additional factors: (1) the name ("Sahy"), (2) the telephone number ("3780") and the date (10-18-91 ... ten days prior to the bombing). At that point Shay Jr. became visibly upset, he stood up and said "wait a minute, wait a minute ... I've seen that receipt before." When asked where, Shay Jr. responded "in the back of Al Trenkler's car on the floor." Shay Jr. then stated that the slip he saw was the same, but was pink in color and smaller than the copy which had been shown to him.

At this point AUSA Kelly asked Shay Jr. if it was he who purchased the items listed on the receipt. Shay Jr. gave a half smile, but said nothing. AUSA Kelly asked Shay Jr. to describe

the interior or the Radio Shack store, which he did accurately. AUSA Kelly then told Shay Jr. that the clerk remembered him and said "damn, your tall" when Shay Jr. went to pay for the items. Shay remembered this comment by the clerk, and recalled that he then said to the clerk "you know what they say about tall guys with big feet!"

Shay Jr. then stated that Trenkler had magnets in the back of his car along with the pink receipt. He described the magnets as being about the size of a quarter. He also described the box they came in. He said that he was playing with the magnets while inside Trenkler's car which upset Trenkler. At Agent Kerr's request, Shay Jr. drew a diagram of the magnets and the box.

Shay Jr. then began speaking about his close friend Randy Stoller and insisted we not contact him or bother him.

At this point, at AUSA's Kelly direction, handwriting exemplars were taken. This process took 30-45 minutes. Shortly thereafter the U.S. Marshal's began calling for Shay Jr. to return. Shay Jr. insisted that he stay longer and talk some more, saying he had some things to tell us about Trenkler.

Over the course of the last 60-90 minutes, part of which occurred in AUSA Kelly's office and part in the U.S. Marshal's offices upstairs, Shay Jr. talked about the following:

1. Shay Jr. admitted that his earlier statements about knowing Trenkler only a year, and meeting him on only two occasions, were false. He told us that he had known Trenkler for 2-3 years and had seen him on several occasions, especially in

September and October, 1991.

2. Shay Jr. described Trenkler as a good listener. He said Trenkler gave him money occasionally and rides in his car. He stated that he had sexual relations with Trenkler.

3. AUSA Kelly asked Shay Jr. about his comments to the media on October 29, 1992 (as reported in the Boston Herald on 10-30-91) that this father was incapable of building a "remote control" bomb. When asked how he knew it was remote control at this point -- before the experts even knew this fact -- Shay Jr. said it was just "a guess."

4. Shay Jr. said that Trenkler had a workshop that he had visited once which was located next to a tower in either Marshfield or in the Norwood/Walpole area. He described the workshop as being inside a small brown or tan stucco building that stood atop a cement base next to a 50 foot electrical tower. Shay Jr. said that this stucco building had a window in it, and that on one occasion when he looked through the window into the building he saw electrical parts and tools.

5. Shay Jr. made various other comments and remarks about Trenkler, his family, his sexual orientation and other subjects. Other than as outlined above, at no time did Shay Jr. admit direct involvement in the circumstances leading up to the Roslindale bombing.