

LARRY PLANT

On Tuesday, November 3rd, 1992 at approx. 11:00 am, Sergeant Francis W. Armstrong Jr. and Detective Brendan Craven drove to the Plymouth House of Correction in order to speak with inmate Lawrence E. Plant, w/m, dob 08/26/55, SS # 019467615.

Members of State Police had contacted me stating that Mr. Plant could possibly have some useful information concerning the Hurley investigation.

When we arrived at the P.H.O.C. we spoke with Deputy Sheriff Robert Silva who stated that Mr. Plant was transported to the Quincy District Court to face counterfeit prescription charges.

Det. Craven and I then drove to the courthouse and with the assistance of Court Officer Philip Gomes a secluded meeting was set up.

Mr. Plant stated that on 10/13/92 he was a prisoner at the Plymouth House of Correction in the Orientation Unit when at approx. 8:00pm Thomas Shay was brought into the unit.

Shay sat beside Plant, giggling, stating, "Do you know who I am?" Plant stated no. Shay stated, "I'm boom boom". Plant did not understand. Shay then stated, "I'm the one who killed the Boston Cop". Plant then asked Shay if he did in fact do it. Shay responded that he and his partner did, that his partner Al Trenkler had stated that he had a surprise for Shay. Shay later learned that Trenkler had a bomb which was intended to kill Shay Sr. so that Shay Jr. and Trenkler could split Jr.'s share of a \$500,000 life insurance.

Shay went on to say that he was abused by his father along with members of the clergy, counselors and psychiatrists during his childhood. Plant told Shay that he did not want to hear about what his father did to him.

Shay stated that Trenkler built the bomb with magnets, out that they fell off. Shay told Plant that Hurley's radio triggered the explosion. Shay stated that Trenkler had rigged the bomb so that Sr.'s car radio would trigger the device. Plant stated that Shay laughed about the fact that Hurley was killed.

Plant stated that one of his closest friends is a retired Boston Police Officer named Bill Moore and Plant does not condone what Jr. has done.

Plant stated that Jr. never stated where the bomb was constructed. Shay stated that he got the explosives at a national Guard barracks on the North Shore. Shay told Plant that he had explosives training in the US Army.

Plant stated that he felt that Jr. was telling lies when he began to giggle.

Plant stated that Shay Jr. said that he would get even with his old man for what he had done to him. Jr. stated that when he wraps up his three years that the feds have promised him he will do his old man.

Shay did not discuss who planted the bomb, however he stated that, "We ran after we left it there." Plant understood "we" to mean Trenkler and Shay. Shay stated that when his father saw the bomb in the driveway he knew Jr.

had planted it.

Shay states that he contacts Trenkler through one of his sisters. Plant was told by Shay that Trenkler is in California. Trenkler is afraid that Shay will rat him out. Plant had one conversation for 2 hours with Jr. on the 13th of October and approx. 6 more during the next 3 days.

Shay would say that he is not protecting Trenkler, then his mood would shift and he said, "I can't let them (Feds) get to Trenkler, because then they'll know everything".

Shay stated that he was working with the Feds and that he was taking them out in the ocean to show them where pieces of the bomb materials were thrown by him and Trenkler.

Shay stated that he had tried to kill his father in the past, but he could never overpower the elder Shay. Shay stated that he had been trying to kill his father since he had been released from the Baird Center in Plymouth.

Plant stated that Shay is not well liked by the prison population at Plymouth and that Shay has an especially difficult time with black inmates. Shay also has a difficult time keeping roommates, because no one can trust his erratic behavior.

Plant states that Shay takes pleasure in the fact that he is going to get away with this crime. Shay stated "I'm gonna do my three years and I also busted those cops". Craven and I both asked what Plant meant by, "busted", Plant stated that it was prison jargon for getting over on or pulling a scam on someone.

Overall our impression of Mr. Plant was good. He did not ask for anything extreme, all he wanted was to be transferred into the substance abuse module of the Dedham House of Correction. We spoke with him after he had been sentenced to 15 months at Dedham, so he never asked for any leniency in sentencing. He states that he wants to go to the drug treatment center in order to gain his 15 year old daughter's respect. Plant stated that he has been an informant for Det. Dick Savat of the Quincy PD along with Troopers Paul Demoray and Ed Summers of the Mass. State Police.

Plant seemed credible, articulate and did not appear to derive any personal gain from his testimony.

Respectfully submitted,



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