

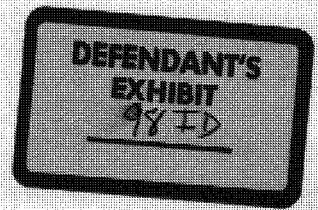
Feds indict Quincy men in fatal bombing

By JACK MEYERS

A federal grand jury yesterday indicted two Quincy men on charges of making and planting the bomb that killed a Boston Police bomb squad officer last year in Roslindale and seriously wounded his partner.

Thomas A. Shay, 21, and Alfred W. Trenkler, 36, could face the death pen-

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alty if convicted on the explosives and conspiracy charges they were hit with yesterday in connection with the Oct. 28, 1991, bomb explosion which killed Boston Police officer Jeremiah Hurley Jr. and injured his partner, Francis X. Foley.

"Shay and Trenkler are each charged with conspiring... to build a remote-controlled explosive device for the purpose of killing Shay's father, Thomas L. Shay of Roslindale," said U.S. Attorney A. John Pappalardo in announcing the indictment.

Terence J. McArdle, special agent in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said, "It's been a very intensive and difficult investigation involving approximately 20,000 investigative man-hours and probably more than 500 interviews of witnesses."

The younger Shay first sought Trenkler's help in planning to kill his father several weeks before the Oct. 28, 1991, blast and Trenkler, who is trained in electronics, agreed to build a bomb, the indictment alleges. The assistant U.S. attorneys prosecuting the case, Paul V. Kelly and Frank A. Libby Jr., plan to introduce evidence that Shay's motive was twofold: to collect \$200,000 or more in insurance money for a pending suit involving his father, while simultaneously getting revenge for his father's abuse and neglect, according to an informed source.



JEREMIAH HURLEY JR.

Killed in 1991 bomb explosion

"He (the younger Shay) was in line to receive a couple hundred thousand dollars in insurance money from a pending lawsuit," said the source.

A woman at the Shay house in Roslindale — who refused to identify herself — said the family's feelings today are virtually the same as they were when the tragedy occurred. She said people should know "how sorry we are about the officers and their families. We just want the truth to come out and we want justice to be served," she said.

Dressed in blue jeans, work boots and a striped button-up shirt, Trenkler made an initial appearance in court yesterday and shook his head while Magistrate Judge Marianne B. Bowler listed the charges against him. He is being detained at the Plymouth County House of Correc-

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tions pending his arraignment tomorrow.

Terry P. Segal, Trenkler's lawyer, said his client has been a target of the murder probe for more than eight months.

"At trial, when all the evidence is presented, it will become clear Al Trenkler was not involved in the tragic events in this case," Segal said.

Thomas A. Shay is scheduled to be arraigned this morning in federal court. His court appointed lawyer said Shay, who is being held in the Essex County jail in Middleton on charges of phoning in a bomb threat to a Brighton woman, will plead innocent.

On Oct. 18 the younger Shay bought electrical components at a Radio Shack store, parts that were identical to those used in the bomb, according to the indictment and sources. On Oct. 27, the device was affixed to the undercarriage of the elder Shay's car, the indictment alleges.

The next day, the elder Shay noticed a box sitting in his Eastbourne Street driveway and called the bomb squad. Shortly after Hurley and Foley arrived about noon the bomb went off.

Boston Police Commissioner Francis "Mickey" Roache and Suffolk County District Attorney Ralph C. Martin, both praised the work of all the investigators on the case, including the Boston Police homicide unit and the

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bomb squad, some of whose officers participated in Trenkler's arrest yesterday.

"The thoughts and prayers of every member of the Boston Police Department are with Cynthia Hurley and her family and with Frank Foley and his family," Roache said. Foley lost an eye in the blast and suffered other serious injuries and is now retired from the force.

Shay, who has admitted to having emotional problems he attributes to abuse at the hands of his father, has adopted an unusually high profile for a suspect in a murder case.

Shortly after the bombing the younger Shay called a press conference to denounce media reports that his father was being investigated as a possible suspect.

He has since routinely called press conferences announcing he is a target of the probe or informing the media of new developments in the case, most of which implicated him.

While Massachusetts has no death penalty, Shay and Trenkler are being indicted in a federal court for capitol offenses, and prosecutors said they could be given death sentences if convicted. They said sentencing someone to death in a state where it is not allowed may be without precedent.