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2nd suspect arraigned in Roslindale bomb blast

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Prosecutors and defense lawyers painted vastly different portraits of Alfred W. Trenkler — one of two men charged in the Roslindale bomb explosion that killed a Boston police officer last year — at the Quincy man's arraignment in federal court yesterday.

Assistant U.S. attorneys Paul V. Kelly and Frank A. Libby Jr. described Trenkler, 36, and his alleged co-conspirator, Thomas A. Shay, as "domestic terrorists" and noted Trenkler had been a transient with a drug problem since leaving his family's Milton home a decade ago.

Trenkler lawyers Terry P. Segal and Scott Lopez, however, called numerous support witnesses and offered a letter from a judge to show the defendant would not flee, even though he faces a possible death sentence if convicted of playing a role in the death of Boston bomb squad officer Jeremiah Hurley Jr. and the maiming of Hurley's partner, Francis X. Foley.

Trenkler pleaded innocent to a federal charge of using an explosive to kill a law enforcement officer.

Magistrate Judge Marianne B. Bowler is scheduled to decide next week on whether to detain Trenkler pending the trial, which is tentatively scheduled to begin in February.

Jeff Kerr, a special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, testified Trenkler lived at a tiny illegal basement apartment in Quincy for the past three years and used a room at a South Boston warehouse as an apartment before that.

Kerr also testified Trenkler has used cocaine and marijuana and that a Quincy woman, Patricia O'Donoghue, told him Trenkler sold drugs to local high schoolers.

Kerr added that another friend, Andy Robinson, told him that Trenkler talked about going to Florida last spring when he was named as a prime suspect in the bombing.

Segal, however, called family and friends who stressed that Trenkler has remained in the area and continued working despite being publicly linked to the incident.

The suspect, described as an electronics expert, helped put on amateur plays, joined a volunteer emergency rescue squad, and has remained close to his family, witnesses testified.

His mother and stepfather offered to post their \$325,000 Milton home as a guarantee Trenkler would not flee.

Two men who worked for Trenkler on independent telecommunications contracts, Brian O'Leary and Richard Marshall, said they had many talks about the case with Trenkler while at work, most recently at MIT.

"Al was hoping to set up a couple (satellite) towers. It (the talk about Florida) was for work, not to hide," said Marshall.