

Ex-con's sister allegedly threatens him with cleaver

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A Quincy ex-con released from jail last summer after serving 10 years for helping build a bomb that killed a Boston police officer was targeted for death by his meat cleaver-wielding sister, authorities say.

"I want to kill you. I want to stick you," Paula Shay allegedly screamed at her brother, Thomas, during a recent scuffle in their Quincy apartment.

Thomas Shay, 31, was released from federal prison Aug. 30, 2002, after serving his sentence in connection with the 1991 killing of Boston bomb squad officer Jeremiah Hurley Jr. in Roslindale.

Shay was sentenced to 12 years in jail for hiding a bomb in the undercarriage of his father's car at the elder Shay's Roslindale home. Hurley and his partner, Francis X. Foley, responded to the house after Shay's father spotted the device.

While examining the homemade remote control bomb, the device exploded, killing Hurley and maiming Foley.

Shay, whose lover and cohort, Alfred Trenkler, is serving a life sentence for the killing, is now reportedly living with his sister on Washington Street in Quincy.

Quincy cops were called to the house at midnight April 25 after Shay's parole officer called police to report the fight.

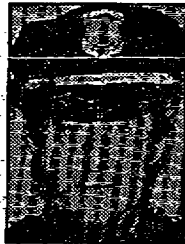
According to a police report, Paula Shay stalked her brother, wielding the cleaver in one hand and a 12-inch kitchen knife in the other. Police said Shay told investigators his sister erupted because he wouldn't get out of bed.

The former convict barricaded himself in the bathroom and called his parole officer from a cell phone. The parole officer heard her yelling at him and called Quincy police, who went to the house and arrested her. Investigators recovered the knives at the house, according to a police report.

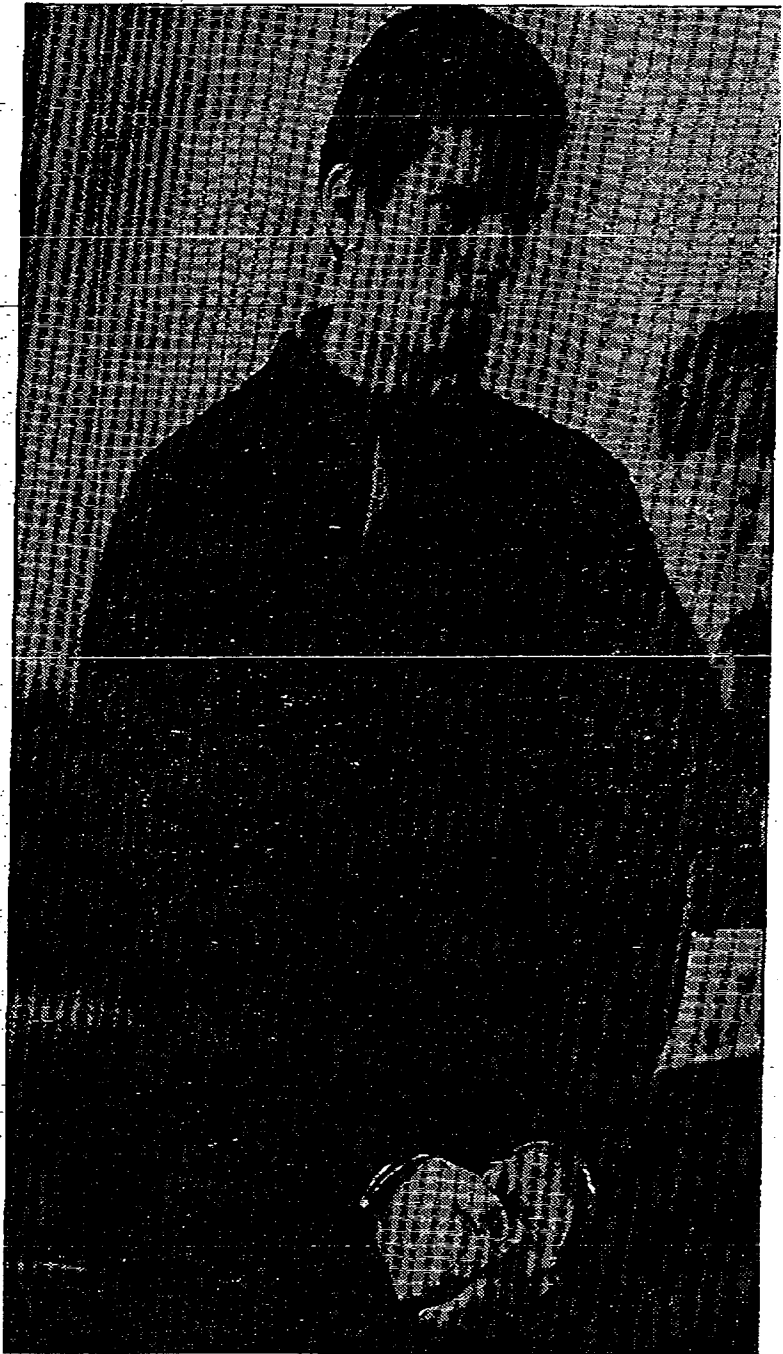
Paula Shay faces charges of assault with a dangerous weapon. She made a brief appearance in Quincy District Court yesterday and is due back in court later this month for a pretrial hearing.

Trenkler, 47, of Quincy was convicted of building the bomb that killed Hurley and is serving a life sentence in Allenwood federal prison in Pennsylvania. His attorney's efforts for a new trial have failed.

Shay, who reportedly suffers from several personality disorders, pleaded guilty after his original conviction was overturned on appeal. During Trenkler's trial, Shay admitted buying materials for Trenkler to build the bomb, including a toggle switch, dynamite and blasting caps.



HURLEY: Hub police bomb squad officer died in 1991.



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MORE TROUBLE: Thomas Shay, shown in Norfolk Superior Court in 1991, was allegedly threatened by his sister with a meat cleaver. Shay was released last summer after serving a sentence for his role in a police officer's death.

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