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Jeremiah J Hurley Homicide	Det's O'Malley, Thomas and Fogerty	1 of 5
Incident location	Case #	Method
39 Eastbourne Street Roslindale	105/91	Explosion
Report Re:	Date	
Interview of Thomas Shay, the younger		

On Thursday October 31, 1991 Thomas Shay called the electronic and print media to announce a press conference at the Trailways Bus Station in Boston. Some time after 8:00 pm Shay arrived on a Peter Pan bus and was met by TV and newspaper reporters and conducted a press conference. Shay stated that the bomb that went off at his father home was meant for him because he owed \$50,000 to a man named Pace. Shay stated that he would be in the Boston Common the next day walking around if Pace wanted to speak with him.

After the press conference, Shay was asked to come with the Detectives to the Homicide Unit. Shay accompanied the Detectives to the Homicide Office in South Boston. At about 10:00 pm Shay was interviewed in the conference room by Detectives O'Malley, Thomas, Fogerty and Agent Tom Bowen of the ATF.

Shay stated that he had spoken with his father three times since the explosion at his father's house. He stated that his father was in shock and that in the conversation he had with his father one conversation consisted of five words and the second conversation consisted of seven words. Shay stated that his father stated, " I'm scared and worried."

Shay had come to the Homicide Office on the night of the bombing and spoke with the Detectives. Shay stated again stated that he heard about the bombing on Monday night on the 10 o'clock news on Channel 56. Shay stated that he spoke with Mary and Mary told Shay that his father was ok and could not speak with him. Shay stated that hitched hiked to his father's house and the Police would not let him cross the Police lines and he went to the Area 5 Police Station and then was driven to the Homicide Office where he spoke with the Detectives. Shay stated that there was nothing in his story to change.

Shay stated that he wanted to take a polygraph test and that he did not drink or do drugs. Shay stated that all the information he knew is from his sister and TV. Shay stated that the members of the press killed him at the press conference and that Byron Barnett at Channel 7 was helping him. He stated that he was going to give him

the phone number where he was staying so Barnett could contact him further. Again Shay stated that he had no access to his father's house.

Shay stated that he never had a driver's license and showed identification of an EMT's badge that he purchased at the AAA Supply Store and his Massachusetts Identification Card. Shay stated that he has driven his father's car four times in the last four years. Stated that the last time he saw his father was last week when his father gave him \$120 to have some dental work done and that they had gone to the track and then to the Franklin (Bar in South End).

Shay was asked about the incident that happened at the garage and Shay stated that a 50 gallon drum with very explosive paint thinner inside had a Class C quarter stick set off inside the drum. Stated that the quarter stick is made in South Carolina and that he has been to South Carolina and that as you are leaving the State they have a park with a range where you can light off your fireworks.

Shay stated that he used to make model submarines and sink them by throwing M 80's at them and because the M 80's are water proof they will go off in the water. Shay stated that the models were bought at hobby shops and assembled with glue. Stated that once he built an aircraft carrier, but that all this was a long time ago. He stated he would be 20 years old this Sunday.

Shay stated that after the press conference, when the Detectives asked him to come to the Station, he did so freely and was not forced. Again he stated that Ralph Pace of 23 Jefferson Ct Stoughton is the one that owned a 1988 Monte Carlo that Shay had rolled over in Manchester N.H. Stated that Pace said that Shay had stolen the car and that Shay went to court. He further stated that he borrowed money from Pace and that he had lost the money at the track. Shay stated that he was a masseur and Pace was one of his customers. Shay stated that Pace was like a father to him and that Pace wanted to adopt him at one point when Shay was about 16 or 17 years old.

Shay stated that he had all the videos from all the TV stations and all the newspaper clippings. Stated the reason was to see if there was anyone in the back ground he knew. Stated that he like cops and fireman because they help people and that someone who did this would return to the scene of the crime. Shay was asked if he had ever applied to be a policeman or fireman and he smiled and stated no. He stated that the Police would not let me see his father and the Police told him to go to the Police Station and he did. Shay was asked about a remark that he made when the Police from Area 5 drove Shay over to the Homicide Office on the night of the bombing and he denied that he said, " If I could only turn the clock back".

Shay stated that he was going to have a press conference with his mother sometime next week. He stated that he had a friend named Scott who lives at 223 Centre Street Quincy, tel # 471 6156. Shay stated that he has a beeper from Metro Media but did not have it with him at this time. Stated that he was a part time volunteer for a disaster truck. Shay asked how the media knew so much about his past personal life and was told the information came from his father's lawsuit in Court and Shay nodded his head in agreement.

Shay stated that until this is over he did not want to see his father. Shay stated that he had borrowed \$30,000 from Pace to start a masseur business and that Pace did not know that Shay was using the money for the track. Shay stated that he received small amounts of money, 2/3 thousand dollars at a time and lost it at the track. Shay was asked about his remarks in the newspaper about remote control and Shay said that he did not say that and that his father did not tell him. Shay was asked about him telling the press that the explosive was C something and remote control and Shay stated that it was a guess on his part.

Shay stated that if his father made the bomb or bought it from someone, then his father has lost his mind in two weeks. Shay stated that he was at the Gable School at Waltham, Met. State Hospital and that was in the past tense and you could not use that against him, because he is over 18 years. He stated that he graduated from the Baird Center.

Shay was told that his father was coming over to see him. Shay asked if he could leave (10:40 pm) and was told that he could if he wanted. Shay stated that he was a homosexual and had been on TV with his mother in regards to being gay. Stated that his mother used the name Tina on the TV show. Shay was asked where he learned about explosives and remotes and he stated that he watched the "A Team" and "McGyver" on TV. Shay stated that he did not want to see his father now because he will hit me and that his father had hit him before. Shay stated that he wanted to help the Police find the guy who tried to get his father.

Shay again asked if he could leave and he did leave and was arrested on Milton default warrants at 10:48 pm and advised of his right by Detective Thomas. Shay was read his rights and after each part of the rights stated that he understood them. At 10:50 Shay made a phone call to Byron Pitts (Channel 5). Shay told who ever answered the phone that he had been arrested and for them to call the other TV station and tell them and to call his mother and let her know that he was under arrest. Shay did not ask to make anymore calls.

Shay stated that the items on the table in the next room were a remote control for a car and that he had a similar one when he was a kid for his remote car. Shay then drew a diagram of a remote control device and explained how it worked. Shay stated that he had spent last two days with a Patrolman on the Norwood Reserve Police Department who also was the Director of Housing at the Dartmouth campus of U of Mass.

Shay's bag was examined and all the newspaper clipping were inside. Some of them had black tape at the top and Shay became very concerned about the Police looking at the articles and looking at the tape. Shay stated that "you people make me sick". Shay stated that the Police are going to frame him because he was the one with fires in his past when he was little. Shay was asked what he thought of Mary and Shay stated that he did not care for her.

Shay stated that he knows cops who are gay who will speak up for him. Shay stated that he had been to 20 cities and in Canada. He was paid as a masseur to massage legs, ass, heels, and backs and that he could make about \$600 to \$700 a week. Shay stated the names of some of the gay Police Officers that he knew. Jim Burke, 4 Tyler Ter 731 1249, Newton Police; Russ Baneno (? spelling) Chief of Reserve Police in Norwood and Director of Housing Development work tel # 999 8936, home # 999 8852. Shay stated that the tape for the newspapers came from Baneno's home and that the black tape was over by the radio where he (Baneno) keeps his weapons. Also mentioned Robert Zampell of the Woburn Constable Services; James Pasqualli of the Boston Municipal Police; Scott tel # 508 678 0521 civil defense/Dartmouth Police/State Police; Jeff McKinnon, Boston Police D 103; Bill Jessep, 425 E Broadway South Boston.

Shay was asked if he set the bomb at his father house and he stated no. Asked if he knew who set the bomb at his father's house and he stated no. Asked if he made the bomb and he stated no. Asked if he had any information about the bomb and he stated no. Stated that he loved his father.

Shay stated that he was raped at age 10 when he hung around the Greyhound Bus station. Shay was asked if his father was the one that raped him and he stated no. Shay did stated that his father used to hit his mother. Shay was asked about the incident in Florida where two men were arrested on charges alleged by Shay that they had kidnaped Shay and forced him to witness a murder. Shay stated that they had hassled him and that they were assholes. Shay was asked about the bomb threat at the train station and he stated that a guy was hassling him in the men's room and that he called in the bomb threat and had the men's room evacuated. Shay stated that the guy was an asshole. Shay

was asked if everyone who hassles him is an asshole and does he try to hurt them. Shay stated no. Shay was asked if his father was an asshole and he stated no.

Shay was taken to the Identification section to be printed and photographed. When he returned Shay was told that his father wanted to speak with him and a call was made to his father and Shay spoke with his father. Shay mostly listened and did state that he loved his father. Shay was asked if he was the kind of person who would make a bomb to hurt someone or to get the attention of someone and he stated neither. Shay stated that he wanted to speak with an attorney and make another phone call and he called Russ Baneno. He told him to call all the Police Officers that he knew, and mentioned their names and telephone numbers to him. He stated he was arrested on warrants but that the Police thought he had set the bomb at his fathers home and that he was going to sue everyone and to have Russ contact Congressman Garry Studds and let him know what was happening.

The Milton Police then took Shay to the Milton Police Station to await court action in the Quincy District Court.