

# Man said to be linked to fatal bombing is bailed in '89 case

A Milton man, suspected of a role in building the bomb that killed one Boston police officer and injured another last year in Roslindale, was released from police custody last weekend under a rare use of a special emergency judge system, officials said.

Alfred W. Trenkler has not been charged in connection with the Oct. 28, 1991, explosion in the rear of an Eastbourne Street home that killed Officer Jeremiah J. Hurley and injured his Bomb Squad partner, Francis X. Foley.

Terry Segal, Trenkler's attorney, yesterday would neither confirm nor deny whether Trenkler is a subject of the ongoing federal grand jury investigation in the bomb explosion. "I'm not going to answer any questions about that," he said.

But Trenkler was arrested on Friday by Boston Police homicide detectives and agents of the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, a rare use of the specialized investigators, in a 1989 case that Segal said involves Trenkler's alleged failure to pay \$1,300 owed to a Warwick, R.I., firm.

Segal declined to discuss whether there is a connection between the Roslindale bombing investigation and Trenkler's arrest Friday.

Trenkler, according to law enforcement sources, is suspected of building the bomb, which was designed to be remotely detonated and which used at least two sticks of dynamite.

Trenkler came to the attention of detectives investigating the Eastbourne Street explosion when his

name was found in an address book belonging to Thomas A. Shay, a 20-year-old Quincy man. The bomb was originally found by Shay's father, Thomas L. Shay, attached to the bottom of his car, officials have said.

The younger Shay is suspected by investigators of persuading Trenkler to build the device. The younger Shay has publicly identified Trenkler as his friend and has said investigators have told him Trenkler is suspected of building the device.

Tom Connell, spokesman for Rhode Island Attorney General James E. O'Neil, said O'Neil's office will seek to have Trenkler extradited to Rhode Island to face an outstanding 1989 felony charge of larceny over \$1,000 by check.

Connell said O'Neil's office was recently contacted by Boston police

homicide detectives who asked whether there were outstanding warrants for Trenkler.

"We received inquiries from the Boston Police Department about the possible existence of a warrant," he said. "We advised them there was a warrant and notified them that we would extradite. The next we heard, they picked him up."

According to Connell, Trenkler is accused in that state of writing a bad check for \$1,349.38 to a Warwick steel company in 1989.

Trenkler was scheduled to appear in Rhode Island court May 31, 1989, and failed to keep that date, Connell said. A default warrant was issued in 1989, but not acted on until last Friday.

On Sunday, Segal made use of the emergency judicial response sys-

tem, under which judges are on 24 hours a day to issue emergency orders, to get Trenkler released from Boston police custody.

Segal asked the emergency judge, Lawrence Shubow, to set bail at \$1,000 cash. First Assistant Suffolk District Attorney Paul K. Leary agreed to that request on Sunday and Trenkler was released on \$1,000 cash bail.

Trenkler is scheduled to be arraigned as a fugitive from justice in Boston Municipal Court today.

Shubow's involvement in an issue was rare for judges assigned to handle emergency duties on weekends and holidays.

Between last September and Jan. 3 of this year, emergency judges were contacted 2,458 times.