

Hearing slated for April 27 in Shay case

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BOSTON — A Quincy man questioned in connection with a Roslindale bomb blast that killed a Boston police officer and injured another in October is due back in court next week for a court hearing on unrelated charges.

A probable cause hearing for Thomas A. Shay Jr., 20, was scheduled for April 27 after a court psychologist found him competent to stand trial yesterday.

Also delayed was disposition of a fugitive-from-justice charge against a Milton man, Alfred W. Trenkler, 36, stemming from a bad check he allegedly wrote in Rhode Island in 1989.

Judge Geraldine Lombardo gave Trenkler a week to clear the Rhode Island default warrant stemming from the bad-check charge or face action by the Massachusetts courts. His lawyer, Terry Segal, said Trenkler would make arrangements to pay any money he owes on the \$1,349 check to a Warwick company.

Although authorities have not charged Trenkler with any crime stemming from the Oct. 28 bomb blast, Shay has publicly identified Trenkler as his friend and has said investigators suspect Trenkler of building the bomb.

Shay, who faces charges of prostitution and making a false bomb threat to the MBTA, has a history of "slight mental retardation," has been institutionalized for much of his life and is incapable of standing trial, said his lawyer, William C. McPhee of Quincy.

The Oct. 28 explosion at the home of Shay's father, Thomas L. Shay, killed Officer Jeremiah Hurley and injured his bomb squad partner, Francis Foley.