

Lawyers move to block ID of bomb suspect

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Lawyers for Thomas A. Shay, one of two men accused in the bombing that killed Boston Police Officer Jeremiah Hurley in Roslindale, are seeking to bar a clerk's identification of Shay at a store where part of the homemade bomb may have been bought.

In a hearing before U.S. District Judge Rya Zobel yesterday, defense attorney Nancy Gertner elicited testimony from federal agents who acknowledged that the employee who sold the part at a Fenway Radio Shack store could not pick Shay's picture out of a group of photos including other men.

The agents testified the employee recognized Shay only after being shown his single mug shot on Feb. 20, 1992.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Special Agent Dennis Leahy said he suspected Shay may have bought the part at the Fenway store after checking thousands of computer-generated sales receipts and finding one listing the name "Sahy," for a toggle switch carrying the same stock number as one found in the bomb debris on Eastbourne Street, where Hurley, 50, suffered his fatal wound and his partner, Francis Foley, was seriously injured.

Shay, 21, and Albert Trenkler, 36, of Quincy, were indicted Dec. 16, 1992, on charges of making and planting the bomb.