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At the Oct. 31, 1991, news conference, Shay said: "One of us - somebody stuck that bomb under his car wrongly. I don't know why anybody would do this to my father."

Assistant US Attorneys Paul V. Kelly and Frank A. Libby Jr. have said Thomas A. Shay and codefendant Alfred Trenkler built the bomb in an attempt to kill Shay's father.

Thomas A. Shay also stated at the news conference that he himself was the target of the bombing.

Gertner is expected to call a psychiatrist who will testify that the younger Shay made statements to get publicity and did not care whether they were truthful.

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Officer testifies on probe of bombing

By Matthew Brelis
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A Boston police detective testified yesterday in US District Court that although police considered Thomas L. Shay a suspect in the 1991 bombing that killed a fellow officer, he could not recall detectives taking notes during interviews with Shay in the hours after the bomb exploded in his Roslindale driveway.

Detective William Fogerty, under cross-examination by defense attorney Nancy Gertner, also said that when Shay's house was searched, police did not search every room.

Shay's son, Thomas A. Shay, is on trial in US District Court on a charge he orchestrated the Oct. 28, 1991, bombing that killed bomb-squad officer Jeremiah Hurley and maimed his partner, Francis X. Foley.

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