

# Taped call to friend is played in Shay Roslindale bombing trial

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Bombing defendant Thomas A. Shay, while on the run from the law and hiding in San Francisco in early 1992, called a friend in Massachusetts and said, "The cops still think I did it."

Shay, on trial in US District Court for the Oct. 28, 1991, bomb blast in Roslindale that killed Boston police officer Jeremiah Hurley, telephoned Russell Bonnano to ask him to send a gold chain that Shay had given him.

"I'm broke and hungry and I'm in some old man's hotel room and I'm on the road and I only have one set of clothes," Shay told Bonnano,

whose tape recording of the Feb. 9, 1992, conversation was played at the trial yesterday.

Shay told Bonnano that an attorney had advised him to flee when he made bail in early November 1991 after being detained on a default warrant.

"I've learned to trust people and then I can't give too much trust because I have warrants out for me," Shay told Bonnano, a dispatcher for the Belmont Police Department who was asked by the federal bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to tape any conversation with Shay.

"I'll never be on 'America's Most Wanted.' But you're a cop too, you know. So it's like you're my friend, but you're a cop. So, I mean, you're

going to rat me out if I give you the address, huh?"

Shay did not give Bonnano the address, but did send him a post card from San Francisco that officials say was used to track him down and return him to Massachusetts.

The government is trying to prove that Shay was involved in a plot to kill his father, Thomas L. Shay, with the bomb that exploded in the elder Shay's Roslindale driveway, killing the bomb squad officer.

Assistant US Attorneys Paul V. Kelly and Frank A. Libby Jr. argue that Shay wanted to kill his father in revenge for childhood physical abuse and to inherit a portion of \$400,000 the elder Shay stood to win if a civil suit he had filed was successful.