

Fellow jailmate testifies suspect in bombing said he built explosive

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A convicted marijuana smuggler testified yesterday that accused Roslindale bomber Alfred Trenkler admitted building the bomb that killed a Boston Police officer while the two were jailed together.

"At one point he stated 'Even if I did build the bomb, I didn't place it on the car,'" convicted smuggler David Lindholm told Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul V. Kelly.

"Then he said 'So I built the bomb, I built the bomb, I

don't deserve to die or spend my life in jail because I built a device.'"

Lindholm said he met Trenkler in December while both were jailed at the Plymouth County House of Correction's intake unit. Since both were originally from Milton, Lindholm said, they struck up an acquaintance.

Trenkler's defense attorney, Terry Segal, attacked Lindholm's credibility, questioning him about his motives for testifying and asking him about his past lies he told as a drug trafficker to

avoid arrest.

Also yesterday, federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms bomb expert Thomas Wascom told the jury he believed the 1991 bomb that killed Boston Police Officer Jeremiah Hurley and a 1986 explosive device built by Trenkler were built by the same person. The method of construction and components was enough of a "signature" to tie the bombs together, he said.

Hurley's partner, Francis X. Foley, is expected to testify when the trial resumes tomorrow.