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## Ex-agent: Bomb unlike earlier Trenkler work

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A retired FBI agent, testifying in the case of a man accused of making the bomb that killed Boston Police bomb squad officer Jeremiah J. Hurley Jr., said yesterday that judging by the way the bomb was constructed, the accused was not the bomb-maker.

Denny Kline was called as a defense witness for Alfred W. Trenkler, who is charged with making the bomb for a friend, Thomas A. Shay. Shay has been convicted in Hurley's death and last month was sentenced to 16 years in prison by US District Court Judge Rya Zobel. She is also presiding over Trenkler's trial.

The prosecutors, Paul V. Kelly and Frank A. Libby Jr., have charged that Shay wanted to blow up his father to avenge a childhood of abuse and with an eye toward inheriting the proceeds of a court settlement the elder Shay had been working on.

With seven members of the Boston bomb squad sitting in the spectator section and glowering at Kline yesterday, the former FBI bomb specialist said that the evidence he had been given had convinced him that the bomb that killed Hurley had little in common with a bomb that Trenkler was involved in building in 1986 to help a friend blow up a fish truck.

Trenkler's attorney, Terry Segal,

elicited testimony from Kline to the effect that bombmakers almost always use the same designs, the same methods of construction, and the same components if they make more than one bomb. The 1986 bomb, Kline said, was different in most details from the 1991 bomb.

Shay has been convicted of placing the bomb, which was equipped with magnets, under the floor of his father's car on Oct. 28, 1991. The elder Shay noted the black box under his car and called police.

When Hurley and his partner, Francis X. Foley, tried to remove the bomb, it exploded. Hurley died of his injuries shortly after the blast. Foley was maimed.

Shay has refused to testify in Trenkler's trial, but the federal court jury has been shown a tape of a television interview in which Shay admits he bought a toggle switch, similar to one believed to have been used on the fatal bomb, for Trenkler.

An earlier prosecution witness, Stephen Scheid, an Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau agent, offered testimony which contradicted Kline. Scheid said a computer analysis showed that the 1986 and 1991 bombs were so similar in design, construction, workmanship and materials as to suggest they were made by the same person.

Testimony is expected to end this morning. Closing arguments and the charge to the jury are scheduled for Monday.