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United States Court of Appeals for the  
First Circuit  
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Alfred Trenkler

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RE: United States v. Alfred W. Trenkler  
Docket No. 97-1239

DATE: December 17, 1997

At the hearing for oral argument on November 5, 1997, the name of Lawrence Plant was brought up by the government.

As a result, I researched his testimony and was surprised at the similarity between his situation and testimony and that of David Lindholm in direct examination by Mr. Kelly.

1. They were both incarcerated.  
Plant for larceny by check (3 months) uttering false prescriptions (15 months & 9 months), credit card misuse (15 months) - all to be served in the House of Correction.

Lindholm for marijuana conspiracy and tax evasion serving a 97 month sentence. In the twenty (20) years that he was involved in selling drugs he did'nt file tax returns.

2. They were both heavily involved in drugs. Plant addicted to heroin (anything with opium in it) for all of his adult life.

Lindholm contributing to marijuana usage and possible drug addiction by bringing it into Massachusetts in large quantities.

3. They both met the defendants in the orientation unit at the Plymouth House of Correction.

In October, 1992, Shay was placed in the same area as Plant for a few days, having been brought over from general population to the orientation unit for his protection.

In December, 1992, Lindholm was placed in the same area as Alfred after having been brought up from a prison in Texas and supposedly missing the prison van to where he was being held. This in spite of the fact that the van always waits for the last inmate.

4. Both witnesses were ailing upon meeting defendants. Plant wasn't feeling well at the time and Lindholm had a cold, a sore throat and a temperature.
5. Shay allegedly tells Plant on first meeting that he was the one who killed the Boston cop.

Trenkler allegedly tells Lindholm that he was the one who built the bomb. This was on Lindholm's last night of his three (3) day week-end in Plymouth.

6. No one was present in either situation. Plant said nobody was present and that they talked very quietly.

Lindholm said nobody was around and they did not speak in a loud voice.

7. Both blamed it on the cops. Shay allegedly told Plant that it was Officer Hurley's own fault.

Trenkler allegedly told Lindholm that the bomb officers were foolish and Lindholm said Alfred showed no remorse.

8. Both witnesses said they were not promised anything for their testimony - no rewards or inducements, no agreements.
9. Lindholm was placed in the same cell as Thomas Shay at a lock up in the Courthouse in Boston on December 17, 1992.

Simple reasoning would dictate how the government was maneuvering Mr. Lindholm to testify against Alfred and indirectly against Shay.

It is almost unbelievable that anyone would find the testimony of these witnesses credible. There is no way that Alfred Trenkler, an intelligent man, would make such a statement to an unknown prison inmate.

It is so obvious that these prison inmates were deliberately planted in with the defendants and were coached by the same script writer on their testimony.

I have complete confidence in the innocence of my stepson, Alfred Trenkler, in the crime for which he was unjustly convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Alfred has been incarcerated for four (4) years and nine (9) months; it is a miscarriage of justice that Alfred is serving a life sentence for a crime he did not commit.

Alfred has been victimized by the very system that is supposed to protect him, our judicial system. It is time for that system to eradicate the terrible wrong which has been done to him.