

BOSTON POLICE HOMICIDE UNIT  
(Investigation report)

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Incident location 39 Eastbourne St.	Case # 105-91	Method Exam
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Interview: Mary Flanagan		10-23-91

On Monday, October 23, 1991, while at 39 Eastbourne St., Roslindale, Det. Ross conducted an interview with Mary Flanagan, who resides at that address. Present during the interview present was P.O. Diane Culhane, assigned to the Academy and also Det. William Fogarty of the Homicide Unit.

Flanagan stated that she is employed at the Roslindale Post Office, 16 Cummings Highway, and her Supervisor is Robert Celester.

Flanagan then stated "do you know Louie and Jeff"? She was then asked how long has she known Tom Shay way, and she responded that they have been dating ten years. She was then asked how long has she known Jeff and Louie and she responded since Tom owned the shop in Dedham. But she hasn't seen them in about three years, since Tom left.

Flanagan asked the officers if we knew that they (Louie and Jeff), dumped rubbish in the yard a few days after Tom left the garage. She also states that she has heard that they have done things like this before. Flanagan went on to state that Tom at that time started to take security measures around the house, because he felt people were following him. He tacked the windows closed, and bought security lights for the outside of the house, with built in motion detectors. Flanagan went on to state that Tom now works over at Rolling Wrench Garage in South Boston were his brother works.

Flanagan was asked if she is aware of any threatening phone calls within the past few months, and she responded no. Flanagan went on to state that there is no reason why someone would want to hurt anyone in this house. She also stated that she has a brother in New York, who she bought his share of the house from when her mother died a few years ago, and that she gets along well with him.

Flanagan states that she woke up this morning at about 3:30 AM, and that she starts work 5:00 AM until 1:30 PM. She states that she received a phone call at 12:20 PM, about the explosions and she left work immediately and went home.

Flanagan when asked responded that on Sunday when she awoke she did not notice anything unusual or strange. She did state that had not set her alarm clock back, and she woke up an hour early on Sunday. She went on to say that she and her daughter went to the 9:30 Mass at Holy Name Church in West Roxbury. After Mass she went to the Rectory and was requested to collect envelopes in her neighborhood. She then went home and parked her car which is a white Lincoln, in front of her house. Flanagan and her daughter then went around the neighborhood and collected envelopes for the church, this was about 11:30 AM. Flanagan believes that she took her daughter to a Halloween party on Heath St., West Roxbury at about 1:00 PM. Flanagan concluded by saying that Tom was paranoid about safety.

Flanagan was asked if Tom had informed her of what he had found in the driveway on Sunday, and her response was, no. She further stated that she never found out anything, and that she and her daughter came home Sunday evening at about 6:00 PM from the party.

Flanagan states that she has a kill switch on her car. And that several weeks ago spoke to Tom about because it wasn't working correctly. She further stated that Z-lock on Centre St installed the lock and kill switch on her car.

Flanagan was asked if Tom gambles and if he owes any money. Flanagan hesitated, then stated Tom used to gamble and owed a lot of money a while ago, but it's all paid up now. When asked how much was a lot of money she didn't respond, the officers had to present figures to her and she agreed that it may have been about \$2300.00 to \$2500.00 that Tom had lost on football games. But had promised her that he would never do that again. Flanagan was then asked if Tom drank and she responded, no, very little that he was not a drinker. Flanagan was asked if she knew how much money Tom was swing Louie and Jeffrey for, and she responded no.

Flanagan was asked if she recalls if Tom was home when she returned from church at 11:30 AM Sunday, and she responded, no.

On several occasions Flanagan had to be asked to slow down because she had displayed nervousness and anxiety throughout the interview. She concluded by stating that Tom is a good guy, he would never do anything like this.

This report reflects the writers impressions of what was said by Mary Flanagan to Det. Ross. It is not to be construed as a verbatim statement.