

To: Deputy Superintendent Gerard McHale
From: Sergeant Thomas Creavin
Re: Investigation of bombing at 39 Eastbourne St.

Sir:

On Monday October 28, 1991, I was assigned to E911D Patrol Supervisor. At about 11:30 a.m. on that same day, the E433D Police Officer Denise Kraft received a radio call to check a suspicious object which may be a bomb in a driveway at 39 Eastbourne St., Roslindale. As the Patrol Supervisor, I also responded. Upon arrival, Police Officer Kraft went into the residence and had conversed with resident Thomas Shay, while I checked the driveway. The driveway is about sixty feet long and twelve feet wide. A car was parked at the end of the driveway and a large delivery truck was parked in the middle of the driveway. In between the truck and car I observed a small black box six inches wide, ten inches long and three inches in depth. I went to the front of the driveway where I met Officers Frank Foley and Jerry Hurley from the Bomb Squad who had arrived on the scene. Officer Kraft asked Mr. Shay to come out of the house.

Mr. Shay stated to the Officers that on Sunday morning after backing his Buick out of the driveway he observed the black box in his driveway, picked up the box and tossed it on the grass adjacent to the house. Later that Sunday, he had talked with friends who suggested that the box in question may contain a bomb. On Monday morning, Mr. Shay stated that he feared that if the box did contain a bomb, it would damage the house, therefore he picked up the box, carried it to the driveway and threw it between the truck and car.

After Officers Foley and Hurley conversed with Mr. Shay they went to check out the black box. I followed them to the driveway and stayed about ten feet away along side the truck. I could see them carefully examine the box for a few minutes. Both Officers returned to the front of the driveway and questioned Mr. Shay as to why anyone would want to leave a bomb in his driveway. Mr. Shay stated that about two years ago in 1989 he had a business in Dedham. Two men set off an explosion adjacent to his business causing a lot of damage. Mr. Shay had a law suit pending against them over that particular incident. He also stated that he made a police report about somebody dumping a lot of car parts and junk in his driveway.

Officer Hurley went to his cruiser and both officers went back to where the box was located. I continued to question Mr. Shay about the statements he had made to Officers Foley and Hurley. About thirty seconds later I heard a loud explosion, saw a gray cloud of smoke and heard the Officers scream for help. Officer Kraft and I rushed to their aid. Upon seeing the tragedy, I told the dispatcher to send ambulances and paramedics to the scene A.S.A.P. Officer Kraft and I applied First Aid and tried to console the Officers while we waited the arrival of the medical personnel. Within a few minutes, the ambulances arrived with EMTs and paramedics. They treated and removed both Officers to the Brigham and Women's Hospital. Deputy McHale, Captain Parlon and Captain Vitti arrived on the scene and took charge of the investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. Thomas Creavin