

Memorandum



Subject

Shay Jr. Telephone Calls
to Shelley Murphy of Boston Herald

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To

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From

Paul V. Kelly

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On Thursday, April 23rd, Shay Jr. called Shelley Murphy and asked her two questions:

1. "What would happen if Trenkler says I did it and the Feds believe him?"
2. "What would happen if the Feds think Trenkler built the bomb, but they also think that I'm involved?"

According to Shelley, Shay Jr. was nervous, somewhat emotional and unsure of himself when asking these questions. Shay Jr. is usually more manipulative and self-assured when talking with Shelley.

On Friday, April 24th, Shay Jr. again called Shelley Murphy and told her that he had received a written communication from Trenkler (via a third-party) in which Trenkler allegedly states that he is very upset by the investigation, and that he will "be there" for Shay Jr. Shay Jr. then asked Shelley if she would print a public apology from him to Trenkler (for his having included Trenkler's name in his press release). In his written apology Shay Jr. apparently claims that he was "set-up" by Detective Frank Armstrong who told him (Shay Jr.) that Trenkler had "fingered" him. Shay Jr. goes on to state that he had met Trenkler only twice, both times in 1991: once at the Ramrod Lounge (in May) and once at Copley Place (in Sept/Oct.). At the end of the letter, Shay Jr. writes "p.s. - Dad, I know you had some involvement in the bombing, so give it up." Shelley reports that Shay Jr. was much more protective of Trenkler during this call than at any time previously, and that he repeatedly said that Trenkler was a "good guy".

For what its worth, from her many conversations with Shay Jr., Shelley believes (1) that he's definitely involved, and (2) that there is "something there" with Trenkler.