
Detective's testimony supports theory in bombing case

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A Boston homicide detective testified yesterday that Roslindale bombing defendant Thomas A. Shay told police he knew his father would have enough money to buy a \$250,000 sports car if he won a civil lawsuit, bolstering the prosecution's theory that Shay tried to kill his fa-

ther for money.

Detective Miller Thomas recounted an interview with Shay, 21, of Quincy, in the early morning of Oct. 29, 1991, the day after a remote-controlled bomb exploded outside the Roslindale home of Shay's father, killing Boston bomb squad officer Jeremiah Hurley Jr. and maiming his partner, Francis X. Foley.

Testifying for the government during the eighth day of the younger Shay's trial in federal court, Thomas said Shay boasted that his father, Thomas L. Shay, would soon be able to afford a Lamborghini. The elder Shay filed a suit in 1989 against the landlords of a Dedham garage that he rented, alleging he suffered ringing in his ears after an explosion in a barrel at the garage.

Shay also told police he "had been in numerous boys' schools," Thomas said.

Assistant US Attorneys Paul V. Kelly and Frank A. Libby Jr., contend Shay wanted to kill his father to avenge a childhood of abuse and neglect and because he hoped to inherit a portion of his father's \$400,000 lawsuit.
