

## Quincy man pleads guilty at retrial in '91 bomb plot

BOSTON (AP) — The daughter of a police officer killed in a 1991 bombing said Thomas A. Shay deprived her and her sister the chance to be walked down the aisle on their wedding days.

"You not only killed the most important man in the world, you deprived everyone who knew him," Leanne Hurley, herself a Boston police officer, told the Quincy defendant in federal court.

In a courtroom packed with police officers, Shay pleaded guilty yesterday to involvement in a 1991 bombing that killed bomb squad officer Jeremiah Hurley Jr. and wounded his partner, Francis Foley.

As part of a plea agreement with prosecutors, Shay pleaded guilty in exchange for a 12-year prison sentence. He was charged with conspiracy and attempted malicious destruction of property.

"Although you are only going to have to serve 12 years for this vicious and heinous crime, you are going to have to live the rest of your life with the knowledge that you killed a man — a father and a police officer," said U.S. District Judge Edward Harrington after accepting the plea bargain.

In 1993, Shay was convicted on the same two counts to which he pleaded guilty yesterday.

The earlier conviction was overturned in 1996 when the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled the trial judge had made a mistake by not allowing testimony from a defense psychiatrist.

In October 1991, a bomb under Shay's father's car exploded as Hurley and Foley inspected it. Authorities say it had been placed there by Shay and Alfred Trenkler of Quincy. Trenkler is serving a life sentence for the crime.