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Re: United States v. Alfred Trenkler  
92-cr-10369-RWZ

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I am writing to you about the above Massachusetts District Court case, a case that I have been litigating for over 19 years.

In short, I had been convicted in 1993 for allegedly building a bomb that accidentally exploded, killing one Boston Police Bomb Squad Officer and seriously wounding his partner on October 28 of 1991, the "Roslindale Bombing".

I whole heartedly agree that this is a horrendous crime for which those responsible must be held accountable, however, there should not be such a rush to judgment resulting in the conviction and incarceration of innocent citizens. . . .

. . . This is what has happened in this case, I am totally innocent of any involvement in this crime.

There are many troubling aspect of this case, for example, I was convicted with no physical or forensic evidence, nor any witness to ANY aspect of this crime and no proven motive or intent. Instead, this case was tried with a smorgasbord of inconclusive, circumstantial evidence and inference piled upon inference.

## MY PAST

Briefly, in 1986 I had been arrested for pulling a foolish prank for the wife of a childhood friend with a flash simulator, class "B" fireworks, crudely wired to a radio controlled toy car taped to a magnet and attached to the side rear frame of a truck and set off, causing no damages nor injuries and which had been subsequently dismissed and expunged at the request of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts due to the non serious nature of the prank.

### COINCIDENCE OR CIRCUMSTANCE

Unbeknownst to me, the father of Shay Jr, Thomas Leroy Shay, Shay Sr, was in the middle of a \$400,000 lawsuit against former landlords where Shay Sr was renting space for his auto body business, Shay's Auto Body. The landlords had thrown some kind of explosives near Shay Sr in 1987 and in 1989 had dumped metal parts left by Shay Sr on his girlfrinds' driveway. Shay Sr was claiming that he could not work because of injuries sustained from the 1987 blast and, combined with the dumping incident, that he was too paranoid to work and was convinced that the defendants in the lawsuit were out to kill Shay Sr with many ways including by placing a bomb under the seat of his car in the fall of 1991.

By a total coincidence, in June of 1991, four months prior to the Roslindale explosion, Thomas Arthur Shay, Shay Jr, had been brought back to Boston at the request of Shay Sr to be deposed as a witness to the 1987 blast.

As another coincidence, while stopping at a store on the

way home from a client of mine, I had met Shay Jr who, through a mutual acquaintance, had asked me for a ride in my car since I lived in Shay Jr's direction. Since I worked in the area, Shay Jr would find me four more times and I would end up giving him rides in and around Boston.

The last time I saw Shay Jr was in August of 1991, and based on his word concerning an alleged business contact, I had given him my business card with my pager number for my newly formed communications company.

After the Roslindale bomb exploded, Shay Jr would contact the media and hold bizarre press conferences talking about the bombing, drawing the focus of the Boston Police Department and the ATF. Following one of Shay Jr's press debacles, the Boston Police brought Shay Jr to the Homicide unit for questioning and to arrest him on unrelated charges to put him on ice. Going through his belongings, the police found and photocopied his entire address book, which, unbeknownst to me, he had written my pager number.

#### THE LINK

Evidently, since there was no court record of my 1986 firecracker incident, Quincy Police officer, Thomas Tierney, faxed his personal copy of the 1986 records to the Boston Police.

Putting together the 1986 incident with the fact that Shay Jr had my voice mail pager number in his address book, suddenly I became a person of interest. I was visited by the ATF and the Boston Police at the apartment where I was staying

and accused of building the Roslindale bomb, which I, to this day, vehemently deny(ied).

Multiple searches were conducted both with and without search warrants, the result of which, there was nothing tying me to this crime.

#### THE GOVERNMENT USES SHAY JR

Early on a government behavior specialist determined that Shay Jr was not a normal person and should have been treated differently. He was baited with a remote control toy truck placed in plain sight in another room which the government counted on him weaving into his stories, after which the government would state that he knew details of the 91 bomb not made public.

#### THE GOVERNMENT LIES TO SHAY JR AND HIS ATTORNEY

Using the oldest trick in the book, AUSA, Paul Kelly, tells Shay Jr, through his attorney, that my attorney is negotiating a deal with the government against Shay Jr and that if Shay Jr came up with a convincing story against me he would receive down to a three year sentence. The government would hand Shay Jr many details that it had developed and let him spin them into a tale, none of which could be corroborated, according to AUSA Paul Kelly, but good enough to sell to a jury through other witnesses Shay Jr would spin his yarn to.

I was indicted for this crime on December 16, 1992 through the statements of Shay Jr, however, his statements alone were not enough.

## THE OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE

In a twist, the government had to indict me to obtain its overwhelming evidence. In fact, the "overwhelming evidence" offered at my trial was the testimony of a government prized informant, William David Lindholm, a drug dealing federal inmate with a 9 year sentence who, being housed in Texas, had been transferred back to Boston to "help" the government in "other matters", not to mention he was being prepped to testify against South Boston's Whitey Bulger, and who, under extremely suspicious circumstances, missed his transport to his designated holding facility 15 miles North of Boston and instead sent 45 miles South to where I was being held and who stated that I admitted to the building of the bomb in this case within four days of my indictment, also swearing that he was doing this for his "rehabilitation" and that he would never ask for any deal from the government for an early release. The circumstances get even more suspicious when it is revealed that this Lindholm lived in the same Milton home town as me, allegedly on the same street upon I had spent my youth. He even said that his father went to the same schools that I attended, Milton Academy and Thayer Academy.

## DISCOVERIES AFTER TRIAL

In my constant research into this case I uncovered the fact that 1) Lindholm never lived on my street; 2) Lindholms' father attended neither Milton of Thayer Academy; 3) within three weeks of my March

1994 sentencing to two illegally imposed life sentences, Lindholm filed for a Rule 35(b) reduction of sentence; 4) Federal Inmate John Bowden submitted an affidavit stating that prior to Lindholm's testimony at my November 1993 trial, Lindholm admitted to Bowden that he, Lindholm, was going to lie for the government in my case in order to get out of jail, and that if the government did not release Lindholm, he would tell my attorneys that he lied for the government.

Most importantly Boston Police Officer, Captain Francis Armstrong, Legal counsel William Sinnott and Commissioner Edward Davis asked the US Attorney's office to reinvestigate this case after it had been discovered that the US Attorney had ordered all the evidence in this case destroyed and it had been discovered the government withheld verdict altering evidence in direct violation of Brady and its progeny as well as local discovery rules.

Some of the withheld evidence would have proven that a former prime suspect lied about significant aspects of this case.

Attorney General, Holder, you have the authority to order a reinvestigation in this case, I am an innocent man paying for the horrendous crime committed by another party that has never paid for his bad deeds. I have filed countless motions all to no avail.

My sentence has been found to be illegal but the law interpreted by the First Circuit is said to bar me from a legally imposed sentence when I should have only had a ten

year sentence, instead, I am told I must die in prison.

I have caught the government withholding exculpatory evidence, but the court denies my being heard.

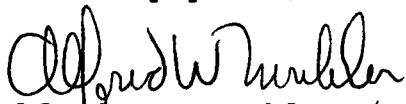
Witnesses have recanted their testimony but fear repercussion from the government if they now tell the truth.

Five jurors from my trial disavow their verdict now that they know just some of the evidence withheld by the government.

I now know that the jury had told my trial judge that they did not think I was the prime instigator of this crime and had compelled the judge to give me the same if not a lesser sentence than the codefendant who received a 15 year 8 month sentence. The trial judge instead sentenced me to two life sentences, stating that she believed the jury would have done the same based upon a preponderance of the evidence.

I ask you, Attorney General Holder, to do something to right this wrong, I have spent over 19 years suffering as an innocent man waiting for justice to come my way.

Sincerely yours,



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