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Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev found guilty, could face death penalty

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USPA News - One of two Chechen brothers accused of carrying out the Boston Marathon bombings in 2013 has been found guilty on all counts and now waits to hear whether he will face the death penalty. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 21, was found guilty on 30 federal counts, including those for using weapons of mass destruction (bombs) at the Boston Marathon and using a firearm to kill Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Police Officer Sean Collier.

Many of the charges carry a potential death sentence, but a sentencing date has not yet been set. "I applaud the verdict rendered today by the jury in the Marathon bombing case, and I hope this brings some degree of closure to those individuals and their families whose lives were changed forever on that horrific day," Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker said in an emailed statement. Three spectators were killed and 264 others were injured at the 2013 Boston Marathon when Chechen brothers Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev detonated two explosive devices near the finish line. Tamerlan was killed during a gunfight with police several days later while Dzhokhar was taken into custody.

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