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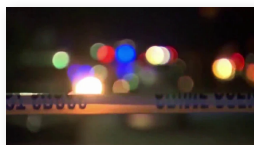
William Evans spoke alongside Mayor Marty Walsh on... [Read more](#)

(NECN) - The U.S. government will seek the death penalty against Dzhokhar Tsarnaev in the Boston Marathon bombings.

The Boston Marathon bombings killed three people and wounded more than 260 others.

Seventeen of the 30 federal charges against Tsarnaev, including using a weapon of mass destruction to kill, carry the possibility of the death penalty.

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The 20-year-old has pleaded not guilty; no trial date has been set as of yet.

Boston Police Commissioner William Evans said he believe the pursuit of the penalty is appropriate, but he wants to remain focused on those who were injured and killed.

Evans said, 'It's not so much about the punishment, but it's about not forgetting those victims who still have to live with the events that happened on that tragic day.'

He said it was likely a difficult decision, but an appropriate one due to the destruction and people hurt.

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh said that he supports the decision made and will leave it up to the court process.

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