

Oklahoma City TRAGEDY/New sketch of suspect released

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OKLAHOMA CITY -- The FBI released a new drawing of the elusive bombing suspect called John Doe No. 2 Monday and launched a search for two other men wanted as possible material witnesses.

The suspect named John Doe No. 2 looks older in the latest sketch, the FBI's third, and is a profile view of the man authorities say accompanied Timothy McVeigh to the A.P. Murrah Federal Building before it was bombed on April 19. McVeigh has been charged in the bombing.

Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating said Monday that rescue workers were preparing to begin using heavy machinery to remove debris and unearth bodies at the site. A tedious search by hand has removed 139 victims, but 40 still are missing.

The first two composite sketches of the second suspect, both front views, were similar except for the addition of a baseball cap in the second. FBI Special Agent Weldon Kennedy said all three should be considered by potential tipsters.

The man is believed to be in his late 20s or early 30s, and he is tan and muscular, possibly a weight lifter, Kennedy said.

The FBI also is looking for a white Thunderbird, Arizona license plate JWK-923, and two men who have been indirectly linked to McVeigh.

The manager of Deward and Pauline's Motel in Vinita, Okla., said the two men, using the names Robert Jacks and Gary Land, checked in the day of the bombing. Manager Tom Crafton said the two men were driving the Thunderbird and on April 23, the day before the pair checked out, Crafton commented that Land resembled John Doe No. 2.

"He just kind of grinned, said 'Really?' or something or other," Crafton said Monday. "They looked like a couple of old farm hands to me."

The New York Times reported that the men also had rented a room at a motel in Arizona near the one occupied by McVeigh two weeks before the bombing. Authorities told the newspaper that on April 20, the day after the bombing, Land and Jacks also checked into a motel in Perry, Okla., the town where McVeigh was being held by police. After a few hours, the pair checked out and returned to the Vinita motel.

On Monday, divers combed areas of Geary State Fishing Lake outside Junction City, Kan., where a Ryder truck used to deliver the bomb was rented. Authorities

were seeking evidence that materials for the bomb were mixed there and equipment may have been thrown in the water.

Witnesses reported a Ryder truck at the site after April 17, the day authorities say McVeigh rented a Ryder truck.

Investigators also said they had found McVeigh's fingerprints in Terry Nichols' home near Junction City on a receipt for one ton of fertilizer, a main ingredient along with fuel oil in the bomb. Nichols and his brother, James, considered key witnesses in the bombing, are being held on unrelated explosives charges in Wichita, Kan.

The receipt shows the ammonium nitrate was bought in Kansas, The Associated Press reported, possibly at Mid-Kansas Coop Inc. in McPherson.

The FBI had received more than 13,000 calls on its hot line, Kennedy said, many of which reported John Doe No. 2 look-alikes. Kennedy had previously said more than a dozen people bearing the resemblance had been checked out.

"We have a number of individuals who have been tentatively identified as John Doe No. 2," he said. "We have eliminated a great number of those individuals, but we still have many that we are looking at."

Investigators also are still looking for the Arizona license plate, LZC-646, which they believe fell off McVeigh's Mercury Marquis when he fled the bombing. A state trooper pulled McVeigh over 80 minutes after the blast because his car did not bear a license plate. He was arrested for carrying a sidearm and later linked to and charged with the bombing as "John Doe No. 1." His alleged accomplice has been the subject of a massive but so far fruitless manhunt world-wide.

"There have been alerts placed for No. 2, and there has been extensive media coverage in Europe on this John Doe No. 2," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said investigators are concerned about what the suspect might be planning, but he would not elaborate.

"We certainly have a concern, since we do not know who he is or where he is, as to what he might be up to," Kennedy said.

Investigators believe the 4,800-pound truck bomb was built in Kansas, Kennedy said, and dozens of agents removed tons of evidence from the bomb's 12-foot-deep crater Sunday before filling it in with gravel.

Though the site has always been deemed a crime scene, rescue efforts had taken precedence over evidence collection, but now heavy machinery is being brought in to finish the job, Gov. Frank Keating said. Keating's comments that the

building "will be a tomb for some of the victims who will never be found" were misconstrued to indicate officials planned to raze the structure.

"I mentioned that the view is this is no longer a rescue operation. It is a recovery operation," Keating said. "That does not mean for a second that we are not going to attempt to continue to find survivors. Unfortunately, there are a lot of people in that building who are not survivors."

Oklahoma City Fire Chief Gary Marrs said officials had always known there would come a time when the remaining rubble could not be removed by hand. He said workers are reaching that point, after which backhoes will be brought in

Caption: Drawing: 1. New sketch of "John Doe No. 2"; Mug: 2. Gary A. Land (p. 8)