

# **FBI Releases 2, Resumes Hunt for Bomb Suspect**

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OKLAHOMA CITY The FBI pressed on with the search for the elusive John Doe 2 today after two drifters seized in connection with the Oklahoma bombing were freed and drove off in their white Thunderbird.

Gary Alan Land and Robert Jacks, whose recent movements roughly paralleled those of bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh, were held for 18 hours Tuesday at FBI offices in Springfield, Mo. The men were captured in a dawn raid on a motel in Carthage, Mo.

Shortly after midnight, the two men reclaimed Land's car and drove off.

"We didn't do it. We're clean. We just got questioned. That's it," Jacks said. "The FBI ain't stupid. We haven't done anything."

Land said he and Jacks passed a polygraph test "with flying colors."

The men said they did not know McVeigh, the only person charged in the bombing of the federal building, or Terry and James Nichols, friends of McVeigh's who face federal charges of conspiring with McVeigh to make small bombs on a Michigan farm.

Dan Vogel, an FBI spokesman, confirmed that the men had been released but refused to comment further.

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said today that the FBI has dealt with more than 11,000 leads.

"Sometimes they turn out to be hot, sometimes they turn out to be cold, and that was the problem yesterday," Panetta said on "CBS This Morning." "But, frankly, the investigation continues at an aggressive pace, and we're confident that ultimately we'll catch the culprits."

Meanwhile, the death toll rose to 142, including 15 children. Workers searching for about 40 missing people took their first night off since the April 19 blast, halting the search from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. because of the wrecked building's instability.

Elsewhere today, the federal public defender's office in Wichita, Kan., appealed a ruling allowing Terry Nichols to be transferred to Oklahoma City to be questioned as a material witness in the bombing. The appeal goes to a federal appeals court in Denver.

The search for Land, 35, and Jacks, 60, had seemed to be a promising lead for investigators. The two had stayed in a Kingman, Ariz., motel in March, down the street from motels where McVeigh was living. The pair also stayed at a Perry, Okla., motel four blocks from the jail where McVeigh was held following his arrest.

But as the day progressed, hopes faded that Land might be John Doe 2.