

Freed Drifters Must Testify To Grand Jury Jacks Changes His Mind, Is Now Angry At FBI 'Morons'

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Two men released after questioning about the Oklahoma City bombing have confirmed that they have been subpoenaed to testify before a federal grand jury hearing evidence at Tinker Air Force Base outside Oklahoma City.

Robert Jacks, who was taken into custody Tuesday with Gary A. Land in a dawn raid on a Missouri motel, initially told reporters he didn't blame the FBI, but he later criticized the agency in a television interview.

"All those morons had to do . . . was call that room. . . . Had me walk outside the room, have Gary walk out there, and they could have restrained us."

"Instead, we got shotguns staring us in the face. We haven't done anything, you know. And I don't feel, I don't feel too good about this," he told ABC News.

Asked why his attitude had changed, Jacks said, "You know the more I got to thinking about this, . . . I shouldn't as a citizen have guns pointed at me. They had no proper evidence, they had no type of an arrest warrant. . . . I hadn't done nothing."

Land and Jacks were taken into custody because their travels seemed to connect them to Timothy J. McVeigh, the only person charged so far in the bombing.

Motel managers where the two had stayed said the FBI continued to inquire Wednesday about their activities.

For Land and Jacks, Tuesday began with a 6 a.m. wake-up call at a quiet motel. The FBI had come by, and its morning greeting wasn't exactly subtle: Come out or we'll blow you away.

It ended at midnight Tuesday when agents apologized, offered to buy dinner -- the suspects declined -- and let them go in the dimly lighted Carthage wrecker yard where their car had been impounded.

In between, FBI agents spent all day Tuesday grilling Land and Jacks about their past, giving them lie-detector tests and determining whether the two drifters could be linked to the Oklahoma City bombing.

Land, 35, of Marshall, Mo., told reporters Wednesday that the experience was "terrifying" and said he had feared being "railroaded." Even so, he said, FBI agents "were nice to us. They treated us like gentlemen" while in custody.

Jacks, 60, of Cincinnati, was philosophical at first about what it was like to be caught in the cross hairs of a widely publicized, nationwide manhunt.

"We were a victim of circumstance," Jacks said. "I'm not angry with the FBI. The FBI did their job. . . . It ain't going to help me to get mad at the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

Asked why the men travel around so much and how they pay their bills, Jacks said: "I'm a drunk, and I pick up work as I go. That's all."

He said he has had savings, a small inheritance and he and Land get occasional laborer jobs. Jacks said he plans to retire at 62 and start living on Social Security.

He and Land met seven or eight years ago in San Francisco and have traveled together intermittently ever since, Jacks said. "Just friends," he said, describing the relationship.

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