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Bombing arrests reportedly near

INVESTIGATION: A source tells Newsweek that husbands, wives and children are involved.

Reuters

NEW YORK — The FBI is close to arresting "a group of major players" in the Oklahoma City bombing within the next several weeks, Newsweek magazine reported Sunday.

The source told the magazine: "This thing involves husbands and wives as well as children as young as 12."

The source also said "we pretty much know who is involved right

now" in the April 19 blast that devastated the federal building in Oklahoma City and killed 167 people.

The magazine said federal agents were looking closely at a white-supremacist group headed by Robert Millar of Elohim City, Okla., which denies any connection to the bombing or to suspect Timothy McVeigh.

The source said McVeigh visited the settlement, which is about 180 miles east of Oklahoma City, on April 5, less than two weeks before the bombing.

The source told the magazine that some of the "major players" already targeted by the FBI were talking to investigators to get lighter sentences, but the source said "everyone in-

involved is going to be arrested and charged" and "no one is going free because he or she talks."

Last week sources said an Army buddy of McVeigh's, Michael Fortier, was cooperating with authorities and that he and McVeigh visited the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building just days before the blast.

The Los Angeles Times reported Sunday that Fortier and McVeigh went from office to office in the nine-story Murrah building posing as job applicants to get a close look at the building's structure.

"They went floor to floor in there asking about work and picking up job applications," said the Times' source, "But ... their real reason was

to check the place out."

The Millar family heads a group of about 75 people who live on a 400-acre community near the Oklahoma-Arkansas border, a settlement in existence for 22 years. The group has been under investigative scrutiny since the bombing.

The family has had several encounters with federal agents over the years and law-enforcement officials have said the community is heavily armed.

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