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## Executed killer's warning preceded Okla. blast

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In the days leading to the Oklahoma City disaster, a white supremacist on Arkansas' death row predicted a major bombing, according to the Arkansas Department of Corrections.

Richard Snell, 64, repeatedly told guards and his spiritual adviser about a pending bombing, said Alan Ables, a department spokesman.

"He said there was going to be a huge bombing, and not much more than that," Ables said. "He didn't give any impression that it would be a domestic bombing or something overseas. Just that there would be some confusion as to who did it and the United States was going to blame someone in the Mideast."

The inmate was executed for murder April 19, the same day as the Oklahoma

federal building attack.

Snell's name surfaced in a 1983 plot to blow up a federal building in Oklahoma City, using a truck filled with bombs. A fellow white supremacist testified about the plot in a 1988 trial, but Snell and 13 others were acquitted.

The FBI recently obtained Snell's prison file from the maximum security unit at Tucker, Ark., Ables said. The file included a visitors list and letters.

The agency secured the file as part of an effort to determine who may have assisted in the plot, say sources familiar with the investigation. Timothy McVeigh, 27, and Army buddy Terry Nichols, 40, have been charged in the bombing that killed 168 people.

Records kept by guards observing Snell before his execution showed that he was "smiling and chuckling" as he watched news reports of the bombing. He

received a lethal injection later that day for the murder of a Texarkana, Ark., pawn shop owner.

Snell allegedly mentioned the possible bombing to the Rev. Robert Millar, a white separatist and pastor in Elohim City, a remote religious community in eastern Oklahoma. Millar couldn't be reached for comment.

Two weeks before the Oklahoma bombing, Millar got a call from McVeigh but never spoke to him.

On Saturday, FBI agents in Kingman, Ariz., confiscated several bags of material from the home of a man who lives next to a friend of McVeigh.

The agents spent an hour combing through the home of Jimmy Rosencranz, a next-door neighbor of Michael Fortier. It was not clear what the agents took from the home.