

## **Sister Says McVeigh Told Her Of Robbery Reportedly Said He Had Explosives**

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Bombing suspect Timothy J. McVeigh's younger sister, Jennifer, has told the FBI her brother confided to her that he robbed a bank in the months before the Oklahoma City bombing and drove around the West in a vehicle packed with explosives, sources familiar with the investigation say.

In one of two 20-page statements to FBI officials, Ms. McVeigh says her brother told her he nearly killed himself last year when he narrowly avoided an auto accident while carrying explosives.

Ms. McVeigh, 21, a Pendleton, N.Y., resident and graduate of Niagara County Community College, also said her brother asked her to take two \$100 bills to a bank and exchange them for smaller amounts so he could get rid of money stolen in a bank robbery, sources familiar with the probe said.

As a scheduled Aug. 11 indictment deadline nears for the two prime suspects -- McVeigh and Terry L. Nichols -- sources say the government is leaning against charging Ms. McVeigh because there is little to link her directly to the Oklahoma City federal building bombing that killed 168 people.

McVeigh, meanwhile, has refused to give a writing sample to a federal grand jury in Oklahoma City.

Defense lawyer Stephen Jones said that since McVeigh normally prints rather than using the more formal, joined cursive letters, giving a writing sample would make him perform "an act that requires a thinking process," which could make him incriminate himself in violation of the Fifth Amendment.

U.S. District Judge David Russell didn't hold McVeigh in contempt but ordered attorneys to submit briefs for a contempt hearing Friday.