

Sister ties McVeigh to bank robbery

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

In the second of two roughly 20-page statements to FBI officials, Jennifer McVeigh says her brother told her he nearly killed himself last year when he narrowly avoided an automobile accident while carrying explosives. She also said McVeigh 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.

One of Timothy McVeigh's few confidants, Jennifer McVeigh, 21, made her statements after weeks of pressure by the Justice Department to get her to talk about her knowledge of her brother's activities before the April 19 terrorist attack