

More Blast Indictments Expected - ATF Director Says They'll Come Next Week, Newspaper Reports

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OKLAHOMA CITY - The director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms says more people will be indicted next week in the federal building bombing, The Daily Oklahoman reported today.

ATF Director John Magaw would not give the number to be indicted by next Friday's deadline. But when asked whether it was two, three, four or five, he replied: ``We will just have to see. Even the highest number that you went may be a little bit high, but the low one is too low."

Magaw also said the federal grand jury investigating the April 19 explosion that killed 168 persons and injured more than 500 might later bring a few additional indictments.

``I believe right now they've all been identified and, if they're not in custody, we know where they are," Magaw said.

Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols are the only two persons charged in the bombing. They are being held without bail.

When asked whether McVeigh was the mastermind of the bombing or just a foot soldier, Magaw replied: ``He is not going to be a foot soldier."

Investigators think McVeigh used an alias April 17 in Junction City, Kan., to rent the truck that carried the bomb. Magaw said investigators were still pursuing leads to determine whether he was alone at the time.

In Las Vegas on Friday, the 12-year-old son of Nichols gave a deposition, which will be presented to the grand jury.

Josh Nichols was questioned for three hours by an FBI agent and a member of the U.S. attorney's office in Oklahoma City.