

Oklahoma bombing figure sentenced

■ **Steven Garrett Colbern is given 27 months in prison for two unrelated charges. He was sought after fleeing before a trial stemming from an arrest in Upland.**

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LOS ANGELES — A man once questioned in the Oklahoma City bombing investigation was sentenced Friday to 27 months in prison for two unrelated charges of resisting arrest and weapons violations.

Steven Garrett Colbern, 35, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Audrey Collins, who took into account both that Garrett skipped out on a 1995 trial on a weapons charge and that he was apologetic and cooperative.

Colbern, a former DNA researcher at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, told the court he was "really sorry for everything that happened and causing all these problems."

Colbern, 35, was arrested by

federal agents on May 12 in Oatman, Ariz. The agents were scouring western Arizona for connections to Oklahoma bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh, who had lived in Kingman, Ariz.

Colbern struggled with the agents and reached for a revolver in his pocket before he was handcuffed.

Searching Colbern's bedroom and pickup truck, the agents uncovered a number of weapons and two bags of ammonium nitrate, the type of common fertilizer used in making the Oklahoma City bomb.

But authorities never publicly linked Colbern to McVeigh.

McVeigh and Terry Nichols are charged with murder and conspiracy in the April 19 bombing of the federal building that killed 169 people and injured more than 500.

Colbern went to Arizona after skipping out on an Oct. 4 trial on a firearms charge stemming from a July 20, 1994, arrest in Upland where police found a knife and silencer in his car during a traffic stop.