

# **FBI Ordered Not To Report On OKC Suspects**

By J.D. Cash

The McCurtain Gazette | December 19th, 1996

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents have been ordered not to send Denver prosecutors any information on new suspects in the Oklahoma City bombing that last year killed 168 people, the McCurtain Gazette has learned.

A spokesman for prosecutors in Denver flatly denies the report.

However, confidential sources close to the investigation have told this newspaper that remaining agents assigned to the bombing investigation have been ordered to cease sending Denver any further information on any suspects other than Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols.

Leesa Brown, spokesman for the Denver U.S. Attorney's office, says that's not the case. She also emphasized that the \$2 million reward for information leading to conviction of other suspects is still on the table.

An Oklahoma City certified public accountant and grandfather of two children slain in the bombing was incensed by the news.

"It is absolutely incredible that they (Justice Department officials) are being so blatant about this obvious cover-up," said Glenn Wilburn. "There are over a dozen witnesses I have personally interviewed who said they told the FBI McVeigh was with other men that morning in Oklahoma City...clearly the government has something to hide and they don't want us to know who those others are."

Last summer, a federal grand jury charged with investigating the "Patriot's Day" attack, indicted Timothy James McVeigh, 28, and Terry Nichols, 41, and "others unknown" for their roles in this nation's most brutal act of domestic terrorism.

One member of that grand jury, Hoppy Heidelberg, was subsequently removed from the panel when he publicly accused federal prosecutors of trying to "shield" grand jury members from evidence as to who those "others" might be.

"They tried to make John Doe #2 disappear," Heidelberg said, adding, "John Doe #2 is obviously a government agent or informant and the government can't afford for that to come out because it would prove they had prior knowledge of the bombing and failed to stop it."

Heidelberg, who also called the federal investigation a "hoax," received a written warning from the judge in charge of the grand jury, admonishing the Blanchard horse breeder from making any further statements which might violate the oath of secrecy taken by members of the panel when they were sworn in.

Also in Denver today, more depositions from employees of the FBI crime lab are scheduled.

Two more witnesses are to be deposed by members of the prosecution and defense teams concerning allegations that evidence was tainted in the Oklahoma City bombing case as a result of tampering and/or mishandling by bureau employees.

Timothy McVeigh's trial is set to begin March 31. No trial date has been set for the other defendant, Terry Nichols.