

PAPER SAYS MCVEIGH SOUGHT TO LAUNDER LOOT DEFENSE DISPUTES CLAIM SUSPECT WAS INVOLVED IN ROBBERY



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Bombing suspect Timothy J. McVeigh gave his sister \$300 in December 1994 and asked her to exchange the money he received from a bank robbery for clean money, the *McCurtain Daily Gazette* reported Tuesday.

Defense attorney Stephen Jones said that there is no evidence "from any source that Tim McVeigh was ever involved in a bank robbery."

He said McVeigh, formerly of Pendleton, N.Y., did facetiously say that the money came from a bank robbery when his sister, Jennifer, asked him the source of the \$300. The newspaper said in a copyright story that Miss McVeigh said in a sworn statement May 2, 1995, that her brother told her he had not participated in the robbery but was involved in planning it or setting it up. The newspaper did not detail how it obtained material it said was in the sworn statement. Leesa Brown, a spokeswoman for the Justice Department in Denver, said the department had no comment on the newspaper report. Miss McVeigh, of Pendleton, said her brother gave her three \$100 bills and asked her to circulate the money. She gave him about \$300 in exchange and deposited the money he gave her in a federal credit union. "I observed at that time that my brother had on his person an undetermined quantity of \$100 bills, of which he provided me a small portion," Miss McVeigh is quoted as saying. "It is my belief that this bank robbery had occurred within the recent past," she said. "I was not made aware of the details or if there were additional robberies involving my brother or any of his associates. I do recall that my brother remarked that the money he had in his possession represented his share of the bank robbery proceeds." The newspaper said Miss McVeigh's sworn statement was made after FBI agents in Buffalo told her that her original affidavit of May 1 would need to be verified by a polygraph examiner. The newspaper said she also told federal agents McVeigh wrote and mailed to an American Legion post and the federal

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms a letter highly critical of the government's raid on the Branch Davidian compound. The newspaper said Miss McVeigh told agents that the letter they recovered from her computer disk was written by McVeigh and mailed to the American Legion in the fall of 1994. She said her brother also anonymously mailed a copy of the letter to an ATF office with a note saying, "You . . . are going to hang." McVeigh and Terry Nichols are charged in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in which 168 people were killed and more than 500 were injured. The bombing occurred on the two-year anniversary of the Waco, Texas, raid. McVeigh's trial is scheduled to begin March 31 in Denver and will be followed by Nichols' trial.