

FBI searching for third man in Oklahoma City bombing

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CASSVILLE, Missouri (CNN) -- The FBI is hunting for a third man who may be involved in the Oklahoma City bombing case, according to CNN sources and records.

FBI files obtained by CNN indicate authorities believe a third man accompanied bombing suspects Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols on a trip to Cassville, Missouri, in the fall of 1994, when the bombing plot was allegedly under way. The third man used the name "Robert Jacques," pronounced "Jacks."

The FBI is not ready to classify the man as a suspect or target in the bombing investigation. But authorities have been trying for more than a year to find him, checking out everyone in the nation with a name spelled "Jacques."

A CNN version of the FBI sketch shows a man in his late 20s, with short hair and a muscular build.

The three allegedly were trying to buy a remote patch of land with a cave on it that the FBI believes could have been used as a hideout after the attack, the files show.

McVeigh is scheduled to go on trial at the end of this month in the April 19, 1995 bombing that killed 168 people at the federal building in Oklahoma City. Nichols will have a separate trial at a later date.

Real estate salesmen tell who, what they saw

Real estate broker William Maloney had run an ad that described the land as "in the middle of nowhere, at the end of a rough road, at the bottom of the hollow."

Maloney said he got a phone call from a man he's convinced was Timothy McVeigh. Maloney told CNN, "He says McVeigh, and I said, 'M-c-V-E-Y?' and he said, 'That's close enough.'"

Maloney, in a CNN interview, said three people arrived in a car in November 1994. The two men who came into his office introduced themselves as Terry Nichols and Robert Jacques, Maloney said.

Both Maloney and his salesman, Joe Lee Davidson, said it was Jacques who did most of the talking.

"The day he was here, he seemed to be the one that was in control and in charge of what was going on. Nichols never said a whole lot and McVeigh never did come in, actually into the room," Davidson said. (15 sec. /224K [AIFF](#) or [WAV](#) sound)

The land advertised had already been sold, and the salesman said they told the men about another remote wooded area that also had a cave. The men drove away with directions to look at that, and never came back.

At one point, Maloney said, the man he believes was McVeigh came to the door of the office, and Maloney said he noticed the glint of a tooth filling at the back of the right side of the man's mouth. The FBI has obtained McVeigh's dental records and say his chart matches what Maloney said he saw, according to CNN sources.

Maloney passed an FBI lie detector test, according to a CNN source. A third witness in the office that day, a saleswoman for another Cassville real estate firm, was put under hypnosis by the FBI, and sources said her story remained consistent.

FBI initially picks up wrong 'Robert Jacks'

Another man named Robert Jacks was picked up by the FBI shortly after the bombing. He was one of two Arizona drifters thought to have crossed McVeigh's path. The FBI quickly cleared and released that Jacks, along with his traveling companion, Gary Land.

Maloney said he saw that Jacks on television and called the FBI's toll-free number to say, "They got the wrong man." That, in turn, triggered the current investigation.

Sources: FBI's last sketch in this case

The sketch of "Jacques" is the only remaining sketch in FBI files that had never been released in this case, CNN sources said.

The FBI has been trying recently to jettison the idea that an unknown man, "John Doe No. 2," might have accompanied McVeigh when the bomb truck was rented at a Ryder outlet in Junction City, Kansas, two days before the Oklahoma City attack.

All three versions of those John Doe No. 2 sketches have been publicly withdrawn, though the witnesses at the Ryder office maintain they did see an unknown second man.