

Playboy Adds to Bomb 'Confession' Blast Threw McVeigh Against Wall In City, Internet Site Says

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DENVER - Timothy McVeigh told his attorneys that the force of the Oklahoma City bomb threw him against the wall of a YMCA building as he made his getaway, according to a story on Playboy's Internet site Tuesday.

The magazine said its story was based on "lawfully obtained documents" prepared for the defense that were obtained last spring.

The story did not explain the delay in reporting on the documents.

Calls to the magazine were not immediately returned.

Playboy's story gives a narrative of McVeigh's actions the day of the bombing, with the disclaimer that its version "contains discrepancies with other published accounts of the bombing. " "In cases where there was insufficient, inconclusive or contradictory information, we have relied on the documents," the magazine said.

The Playboy story is the second to move on the Internet in the last two weeks that says McVeigh confessed to his lawyers. The Dallas Morning News reported on its Web site on Feb. 28 that McVeigh told his defense team that he attacked during the day to ensure a "body count. " His attorneys, in a statement released Tuesday night, said: "These escalating reports of alleged statements by Mr. McVeigh are corrupting the heart of the jury system. The American ideals of justice are being held hostage to sensationalism. " Prosecutors declined comment.

According to Playboy, McVeigh told his defense team that after leaving the bomb in a rental truck in front of the federal building, he walked through an alley behind the YMCA to the parking lot where he had stashed his getaway car.

"McVeigh says he was about 20 feet behind the YMCA on Robinson, almost to the parking lot, when the bomb went off at 9:02 a.m. The explosion threw him against the wall of the building.

"He stepped over a fallen power line and continued down the alley, pulling out his earplugs as he did so. He was still wearing his baseball cap," the magazine said.

McVeigh encountered a mailman, who "looked at him and said, 'Man, for a second, I thought that was us who blew up,'" Playboy said.

``Yeah, so did I,' McVeigh said," according to the magazine.

Playboy also said McVeigh claimed he had no accomplice, but failed portions of a defense lie-detector test that dealt with John Doe No. 2. McVeigh's attorney, Stephen Jones, believed someone was bugging their sessions at the El Reno Federal Correctional Institution, about 30 miles west of Oklahoma City, because the FBI always seemed to be 15 minutes ahead of the defense on verifying information provided by McVeigh, Playboy said.

Initially, Jones claimed the Dallas Morning News' story was a hoax, but four days later said the statement had been faked by the defense team to persuade someone else suspected of being involved in the bombing to talk to defense investigators.

He also accused the newspaper of stealing the confession and hundreds of other files from his computer.

The newspaper denied the allegation, and said it used lawful techniques to obtain the documents that were the basis for its story.

McVeigh's trial is scheduled to begin March 31.