

MCVEIGH MAY BE PROTECTING CONSPIRATORS



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Timothy McVeigh admitted his involvement in the Oklahoma City bombing during a lie detector test given by his lawyers, Newsweek reports in this week's edition.

But McVeigh failed a question about whether all his co-conspirators are known to investigators, and that may suggest that others were involved in the bombing plot, the magazine said.

The report of the test is attributed to anonymous sources close to the investigation.

``McVeigh confirmed his role in blowing up the Murrah building," the magazine said.

``There is even fresh confusion about whether the FBI has tracked down all the members of the conspiracy."

It said some federal investigators think the lie detector story may be just a ploy by McVeigh's lawyer, Stephen Jones, to sow confusion before the trial begins.

The defense did not respond to the report of a lie detector test but said the Newsweek report offers insight into the prosecution's case.

``This detailed outline of the prosecution's theory proffered to the press far surpasses anything we have received from the prosecution through the legal process," the defense said in a statement. ``We welcome any and all such assistance, both now and in the future."