

# Witnesses at Oklahoma City trial tell of McVeigh manifesto, gun



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DENVER \_ A bulging envelope found in Timothy McVeigh's car contained what prosecutors characterized Monday as his manifesto, papers and writings outlining a hatred of government.

On one piece of paper was written: ``Obey the Constitution of the United States and we won't shoot you," FBI agent William Eppright III testified at McVeigh's trial for the Oklahoma City bombing.

Another had the line: ``The real value of our attack today lies in the psychological impact, not in the immediate casualties," from ``The Turner Diaries," a novel about a racist revolution triggered by a bomb attack on a federal building. A copy of the book was also in the envelope, Eppright said.

Government prosecutors charge that the book gave McVeigh an outline for the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people. His trial is in its fifth week in U.S. District Court in Denver.

Michigan native Terry Nichols, 42, will be tried after McVeigh on the same murder and conspiracy charges.

Also testifying Monday was Oklahoma state trooper Charles Hangar, who stopped McVeigh shortly after the bombing for driving without a license plate, and then arrested him for carrying a gun concealed in a shoulder holster under his jacket.

Hangar said McVeigh had a Michigan driver's license, issued to him when he lived on Nichols' brother's farm in Decker, Mich. He said McVeigh carried a loaded Glock .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun with a Black Talon cop-killer bullet in the chamber.

In the car, Hangar said, he found a crumpled business card from a Wisconsin military supply company that carried the handwritten note: "Dave, TNT \$5 stick. Need more," and a telephone number.

At the time he stopped him, the trooper had no idea McVeigh might be linked to the bombing that happened about 80 minutes before and 77 miles away.

He said McVeigh was calm and polite as he emerged from his car after the trooper pulled him over on I-35.

Hangar said that when he told McVeigh the reason for being pulled over, McVeigh looked toward the license plate area of his car, and said he had just recently bought it in Kansas. He said McVeigh told him he was moving from Kansas to Arkansas.

Hangar said McVeigh told him he felt like he had the right to carry a weapon for protection. He said McVeigh also volunteered that he carried an extra clip of bullets and a knife.

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