

Deposition of Thomas Manning (presented in court Friday, May 9, 1997)

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
                    FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO
                  Chief Judge Richard P. Matsch
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       Criminal Action No. 96-CR-68-M
       UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
     ----- Plaintiff, )
                             ) Case No.
   vs.
                                           ) 96-CR-68-M
    TIMOTHY JAMES McVEIGH and
          TERRY LYNN NICHOLS,
     ----- Defendants. )
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                         THOMAS MANNING,
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         taken on behalf of the Government, pursuant to
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         Order of the Court, beginning at 1:30 p.m., on
         the 7th day of November, 1996, in the offices
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         of the U.S. Federal Courthouse, 444 S.E. Quincy
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         Avenue, City of Topeka, County of Shawnee, and
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         State of Kansas, before Eleonora M. Lyon,
         Certified Shorthand Reporter.
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23	deposition.)			
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1	called as a witness on behalf of the			
2	Government, was sworn, and testified as			
3	follows:			
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5	MR. MACKEY: Mr. Manning, before we			
6	begin, let me take a moment to just make some			
7	matters of record. Speaking on behalf of the			
8	United States, my name is Larry Mackey, and we			
9	are here pursuant to an order entered by Chief			
10	District Court Judge Richard Matsch dated			
11	October 28th, 1996, authorizing an evidentiary			
12	deposition here in Topeka, Kansas, on this			
13	date, November 7th of 1996.			
14	At this time, I'd call upon counsel for			
15	respective defendants to make their appearance			
16	a matter of record.			
17	MR. NIGH: Rob Nigh, N-I-G-H, on			
18	behalf of Timothy McVeigh.			
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- of Timothy McVeigh.

 MR. WOODS: Ron Woods on behalf of

 Terry Nichols.
 - MR. NEUREITER: Reid Neureiter on
 - 24 behalf of Terry Nichols.
- MR. MACKEY: Thank you, gentlemen.

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- 2 DIRECT-EXAMINATION
- 3 BY MR. MACKEY:
- 4 Q. Mr. Manning, let me ask you, have you been the
- 5 victim of a heart attack?
- 6 A. Yes, I have.
- 7 Q. And could you tell everyone when that was?
- 8 A. The morning of the 24th of December, 1995.
- 9 Q. And how severe a heart attack was it?
- 10 A. Severe enough I had to be shock treated three
- 11 to four times, brought back.
- 12 Q. As a result of that heart attack, did you
- suffer damage to your heart?
- 14 A. Yes, I did.
- 15 Q. And are you under a doctor's care as a result
- of that heart attack?
- 17 A. Yes, I am.

- 18 Q. Is your doctor aware that you might be a
- 19 witness in a matter of United States of America
- versus Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And has he counseled with you concerning how
- that role as a witness might impact on your
- 24 health?
- 25 A. Yes, he did.

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- 1 Q. Has he recommended that-- if possible, that you
- 2 provide any testimony outside a courtroom and
- 3 specifically in a setting such as today?
- 4 A. Yes, he thought that would be better.
- 5 Q. Mr. Manning, are you on medication as a result
- of your heart attack?
- 7 A. Yes, I am.
- 8 Q. And is there anything about that medication
- 9 that may impact on your ability to recall
- 10 events as early as 1995 or years before?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Mr. Manning, at any point in time, either my
- 13 questions or those of counsel for each
- 14 defendant, you would like a break, simply ask
- us to do so, and we will provide you that
- opportunity. Mr. Manning, tell us your age?

- 17 A. 46.
- 18 Q. And where were you born?
- 19 A. Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 20 Q. And how far did you go in school?
- 21 A. Twelfth grade. Never graduated, took GED,
- passed.
- 23 Q. Did you have any college education, then?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. Where do you currently reside?

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- 1 A. Junction City, Kansas.
- 2 Q. How far is Junction City from Topeka?
- 3 A. Sixty miles.
- 4 Q. You would know that distance, would you not,
- 5 because you lived in Topeka for a number of
- 6 years?
- 7 A. Approximately 16 to 17 years.
- 8 Q. And precisely what time period?
- 9 A. 1971 to 1986.
- 10 Q. What first brought you to Topeka, Kansas?
- 11 A. United States Air Force.
- 12 Q. And were you honorably discharged?
- 13 A. Yes, I was.
- 14 Q. Approximately when?

- 13 A. October 1973, alschargea.
- 16 Q. After leaving the military, what kind of career
- 17 did you take up?
- 18 A. Working in a service station, mechanic.
- 19 Q. Was that here in Topeka?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Eventually, did you move to the city, then, of
- Junction City, Kansas?
- 23 A. Yeah, in March of 1986.
- 24 Q. And for what purpose?
- 25 A. To go to work for Firestone.

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- 1 Q. Is that the Firestone Store?
- 2 A. Firestone Store in Junction City, correct.
- 3 O. What's the address of that store?
- 4 A. 128 West Eighth.
- 5 Q. And did you work continuously for that
- 6 Firestone store since March of 1986?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. What is your current position there?
- 9 A. Store manager.
- 10 Q. And how long have you been the store manager at
- 11 Firestone in Junction City?
- 12 A. Since September of 1986.
- 13 Q. Could you give us all an overview of your

- duties as the store manager for that Firestone
- 15 store?
- 16 A. Oversee the-- meet sales quota, tire quotas,
- service objectives, manage the people, manage
- the business, make a profit.
- 19 Q. Sounds like a store manager.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. You sell tires and provide service-- repair
- 22 service to vehicles.
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Q. How many total years have you been employed in
- 25 the auto service industry?

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- 1 A. Approximately twenty-seven, 28 years.
- 2 Q. Now, during the last ten years living and
- 3 working in Junction City, have you become
- 4 familiar with various car dealers that operate
- 5 in that same city?
- 6 A. Yes, many.
- 7 Q. Do you specifically know an individual named
- 8 Larry Rexrode, R-E-X-R-O-D-E, and the business
- 9 he operates?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. What is the name of his business?
- 12 A. Rex's Auto Sales.

- 13 Q. Over the years have you personally acquired or
- 14 purchased any vehicles from Rex's Auto Service?
- 15 A. Yes, I have.
- 16 Q. And when was the last such occasion?
- 17 A. It would have been summer, around the first
- 18 week of April, 1995.
- 19 Q. And what did you acquire from Rex's Auto?
- 20 A. 1977 Mercury Marquis.
- 21 Q. Would you tell us when and how you took
- 22 possession of that 1977 Mercury Marquis?
- 23 A. He brought it down to the store to have some
- 24 tires taken off of it, and the car just kind of
- 25 stayed there. Then somewhere around that

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- 1 period of time, we made a deal on it.
- 2 Q. All right. Let me show you some photographs
- 3 that have been marked for purposes of today's
- 4 presentation as Government Exhibits Manning No.
- 5 2 through No. 9. Take a moment and look at
- each photograph.
- 7 A. (Complied with counsel's request).
- 8 Q. Mr. Manning, what do each of those exhibits,
- 9 No. 2 through No. 9, show?
- 10 A. That's the car that I sold.

- 11 Q. Is that the same 1977 Mercury you first
- 12 acquired from Rex's Auto Sales?
- 13 A. Yes, it is.
- 14 Q. In early April 1995. And do each of those
- 15 photographs fairly and accurately depict the
- 16 vehicle you owned?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Tell us, please, Mr. Manning, where that car
- was on the early morning hours of April 14th, a
- 20 Friday, of 1995.
- 21 MR. NIGH: I object as leading.
- 22 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) Go ahead and answer, please.
- 23 A. Okay. The car was sitting out behind the store
- in the city parking lot.
- 25 Q. Let me hand you Government Exhibit Manning No.

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- 1 11 and ask if you can tell us what that exhibit
- 2 is, please?
- 3 A. That's an aerial view of the store and the
- 4 surrounding buildings.
- 5 Q. When you say "store," do you mean the store you
- 6 managed?
- 7 A. The Firestone Store, yes.
- 8 Q. And does that same photograph depict the lot
- 9 that the Mercury was narked in on April 14th

- o chac the neteary was parked in on higher tren,
- 10 1995?
- 11 A. Yes, it does.
- 12 Q. Does that photograph accurately depict your
- 13 store and the surrounding buildings as they
- appeared in April of 1995?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Mr. Manning, for the record, can you describe,
- on the face of that photograph, where exactly
- the Mercury was parked on April 14th?
- 19 A. It was behind the building to the north.
- 20 Q. And by describing for the record the photograph
- itself, you mean the upper portion that is on
- top of where the Firestone Store appears.
- 23 A. Directly behind the building in the back
- 24 parking lot.
- 25 Q. Is that property owned by Firestone?

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- 1 A. No, it's not.
- 2 Q. And who owns that?
- 3 A. That's owned by the City of Junction City.
- 4 MR. MACKEY: Now, gentlemen, we'll
- offer into evidence, for the record, Exhibits 2
- 6 through 9 and No. 11 for the reasons recited by
- 7 the examination thus far.

- 8 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) Mr. Manning, let me turn at
- 9 this time now and ask you whether you know an
- 10 individual named Tim McVeigh.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Could you tell us how you first came to know
- 13 Timothy McVeigh?
- 14 A. As a customer in the store.
- 15 Q. Your store in Junction City?
- 16 A. The Firestone Store, yes, in Junction City.
- 17 Q. And to the best of your recollection, when did
- 18 Mr. McVeigh first become a customer at your
- 19 store?
- 20 A. It was sometime in 1989.
- 21 Q. Do you recall the circumstances?
- 22 A. He was-- came in for tires, I believe.
- 23 Q. Let me hand you, Mr. Manning, now Government
- 24 Exhibit Manning No. 12. Do you recognize that
- 25 document?

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- 1 A. Yes, I do.
- 2 Q. As being what, please?
- 3 A. It's a credit card application.
- 4 Q. And is it an application in the name of a
- 5 specific customer?
- 6 A. Yes, Timothy J. McVeigh.

- 7 Q. Do you know who took that application; that is,
- 8 who filled it out on the particular date?
- 9 A. Yes, that was-- I'm the one that handled this
- 10 one here.
- 11 Q. You can tell by examining No. 12 that you were
- 12 personally involved in that transaction.
- 13 A. Yeah, because I've signed it.
- 14 Q. And what was your procedure in-- at that time
- period for taking credit applications from any
- interested Firestone customer?
- 17 A. We would take his credit card application and
- 18 call it in to our credit card center, and this
- one was approved and gives the customer open
- 20 credit at that very moment.
- 21 Q. And from whom do you receive the personal
- information about that customer?
- 23 A. From the customer.
- 24 Q. And did you follow that procedure on that
- 25 particular occasion?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. What is the date of Government Exhibit Manning
- 3 No. 12?
- 4 A. 9-9-1989.
- 5 O That would be contember 0th of 10000

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- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 MR. MACKEY: We'll move the admission
- 8 of Government Exhibit No. 12.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) Mr. Manning, after the McVeigh
- 10 credit account was opened, was Mr. McVeigh a
- 11 customer at your store?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. On approximately how many different occasions
- over the following two years?
- 15 A. Anywhere from eight to ten times.
- 16 Q. And what was the nature of the business that
- 17 Mr. McVeigh did with your Firestone Store?
- 18 A. Purchasing tires, service of his car.
- 19 Q. And approximately when was he; that is, prior
- to April of '95, last a customer of yours at
- 21 the Firestone Store?
- 22 A. I believe it was sometime in 1991.
- 23 Q. Mr. Manning, I want to turn your attention,
- then, to-- again to Friday, April 14th, 1995.
- 25 Did you have occasion to see Tim McVeigh.

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- 1 MR. NIGH: I object as leading.
- 2 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) Go ahead and answer, please.
- 3 A. Yes, I did.

- 4 Q. Where did you see him?
- 5 A. At the Firestone Store in Junction City.
- 6 Q. And had you, to the best of your recollection,
- 7 had any contact with Mr. McVeigh since he had
- 8 last been a customer at that store in April of
- 9 1995?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. In the course of that morning of April 14th,
- Mr. Manning, did you sell the 1977 Mercury
- 13 Marquis to Tim McVeigh?
- 14 A. Yes, I did.
- 15 Q. I want to ask you a series of specific
- questions about that transaction, Mr. Manning.
- 17 Let me start with this. Do you know why Tim
- McVeigh was at your store on April 14th?
- 19 A. He was having car trouble with his car.
- 20 Q. Were you at work that morning?
- 21 A. Yes, I was.
- 22 Q. And who opened the store, if you recall?
- 23 A. It would have been probably Ron and I, Ron
- 24 Kramer and myself.
- 25 Q. Is Mr. Kramer's last name spelled K-R-A-M-E-R?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. All right. And in April of 1995, approximately

- 3 what time of morning would you or Mr. Kramer
- 4 arrive to open the Firestone Store?
- 5 A. Sort of between 6:30 and quarter to 7.
- 6 Q. Who, among the Firestone employees, would have
- 7 been at the place of business by 9 a.m. Friday,
- 8 April 14th, other than yourself and Mr. Kramer,
- 9 if any?
- 10 A. Kelly Osburn, and there's a Wendy Cummings that
- 11 works there. I can't remember if she worked
- 12 that day or not, and--
- 13 Q. Mr. Manning, let me ask you now some general
- questions about record-keeping at the Firestone
- 15 Store, if I might.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. Could you give us an overview of what steps are
- taken by you or other employees at your
- 19 direction to make and create business records
- for customers, what happens?
- 21 A. Well, the first thing you do is you start
- filling out a sales ticket with the customer's
- name, address, telephone number, type of car,
- 24 the time you're writing the ticket up and a
- general description of why they're there, what

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- tney're wanting to do.
- 2 Q. So the customer arrives at the counter; is that
- 3 right?
- 4 A. Right.
- 5 Q. And the information, then, is relayed from the
- 6 customer to you or one of the employees.
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. What kind of information beyond name and
- 9 address, for example, is taken at that time?
- 10 A. Services customer requested or symptoms of
- 11 trouble, what the customer is looking for. If
- 12 he's having a problem with the car, what he
- wants to get looked at.
- 14 Q. And that's all information written down by one
- of your staff with the customer present.
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. You mentioned that it's your practice-- or your
- 18 company's practice to write down the time that
- 19 the customer arrives and requests the service;
- is that right?
- 21 A. Yeah.
- 22 MR. NIGH: I object, it's leading.
- 23 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) And why is that important to
- 24 record that time?
- 25 A. Well, to show what time the customer got there,

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and also we're supposed to record the time

- 2 promised the car to be returned.
- 3 Q. So some written record is routinely made as to
- 4 when the car is dropped off and when Firestone
- 5 promises to have it ready for pickup.
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Who retains the kinds of records you've just
- 8 described, Mr. Manning?
- 9 A. The store itself.
- 10 Q. And were the practices that you've described
- for us just a moment ago in place on April
- 12 14th, 1995?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Let me hand you now, Mr. Manning, what's been
- marked Government Exhibit Manning No. 13. If
- you'd examine that document, please?
- 17 A. (Complied with counsel's request).
- 18 Q. Do you recognize what that is?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. What is that document?
- 21 A. Oh, it's a sales ticket. It was written up by
- 22 Kelly Osburn.
- 23 Q. And does that relate to Timothy McVeigh?
- 24 A. Yes, it has his name and an address in Michigan
- 25 for the '83 Pontiac, J-2000.

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1 MR. NIGH: I'm going to object until

- 2 the document is admitted into evidence, then.
- MR. MACKEY: I understand.
- 4 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) Mr. Manning, to your
- 5 knowledge, was Exhibit No. 13 prepared in
- 6 accordance with the same procedures that you've
- 7 described generally just a moment ago?
- 8 A. It was started but not completed.
- 9 Q. Was the information as reflected on Exhibit 13
- 10 taken down in the routine course of operating
- Firestone business on April 14th, 1995?
- MR. NIGH: I object.
- 13 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) Go ahead and answer.
- 14 A. Yes.
- MR. MACKEY: We'll move to admit
- 16 Government Exhibit 13.
- 17 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) Directing your attention, Mr.
- 18 Manning, to that document, what's the name of
- the customer that appears there?
- 20 MR. NIGH: So that the record is
- clear, I object to the admission of 13.
- MR. MACKEY: Thank you.
- 23 A. Tim McVeigh.
- 24 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) And what address is given?
- 25 A. 43616 Van Dyke, and it says Becker, Michigan.

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- 1 Q. Becker with a B?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Is there a box on Exhibit 13 for the customer's Q.
- phone number?
- Yes, that's marked with NP which would be no 5
- 6 phone.
- 7 The initials NP stands for what, again?
- 8 Α. No phone.
- 9 Q. Does Exhibit 13 show a time as to when that
- 10 customer came to Firestone on April 14th, 1995?
- Yes, it does. 11 Α.
- And what is that time? 12 Q.
- 13 Α. It's 9 o'clock.
- Can you tell by examining Exhibit 13, Mr. 14 Q.
- 15 Manning, what service was requested by that
- 16 customer?
- 17 Α. No.
- Do you know, from personal observation and 18
- 19 being present on that date, what service was
- 20 requested?
- Yes, I do. 21 Α.
- Describe that, please. 22 Q.
- 23 The customer's complaint was overheating and
- 24 white smoke pouring out the tailpipe.
- 25 Now ware won precent when Mr Ochurn and Mr

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- 1 McVeigh, per that exhibit, wrote the materials
- down or wrote the information down on that
- 3 exhibit?
- 4 A. Yes, I was.
- 5 Q. And at that moment and time, Mr. Manning, did
- 6 you recognize the customer as the person known
- 7 to you as Tim McVeigh?
- 8 A. No, I didn't.
- 9 Q. When, in the course of that morning, did you
- 10 first recognize the individual as Timothy
- 11 McVeigh, a past customer?
- 12 A. Later on after we were starting to talk about
- buying the car, he told me that he was Tim
- McVeigh.
- 15 Q. After the person came to the counter and filled
- out Exhibit 13, or assisted Mr. Osburn in doing
- so, did you see the two of them leave the
- 18 Firestone station?
- 19 A. Yes, they did. They went outside.
- 20 Q. And did they return?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And did they have a conversation in your
- 23 presence about the vehicle?

- 24 A. Yes, Kelly Osburn stated that, from his
- observations, he thought there was either a

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- blown headgasket or a cracked head-- (reporter
- interruption), a cracked cylinder head and gave
- 3 a generalized estimate of somewhere between
- five, six, seven hundred dollars to repair it.
- 5 Q. Could you tell from your experience, Mr.
- 6 Manning, whether a customer might be willing to
- 7 pay as much as \$800 to repair a 1983 Pontiac
- J-2000 station wagon?
- 9 A. The statement was made that he didn't have that
- 10 kind of money.
- 11 Q. And that statement was made by whom?
- 12 A. Tim McVeigh.
- 13 Q. And this, again, was in your presence at the
- 14 Firestone Store on the morning of April 14th?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. After that statement was made, Mr. Manning,
- what happened next?
- 18 A. Well, he mentioned -- Tim McVeigh mentioned
- 19 something to Kelly Osburn about trying to find
- another car, so I invited the customer over to
- 21 my desk to use the phone.
- 22 Q. This was at your initiative?

- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And why did you take that step?
- 25 A. Try to help him out.

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- 1 Q. And what did you understand the problem to be
- 2 at that point in time?
- 3 A. That he wanted to buy an inexpensive car.
- 4 Q. What did you do to help the customer out?
- 5 A. Well, I handed him the phone, and I
- 6 said, "Here, I'll call a car dealer that I know
- and see what he's got for you," so I handed the
 - 8 customer the phone, and I dialed the number to
- 9 D.E.L. Motors.
- 10 Q. Is Del's Motors D-E-L apostrophe S?
- 11 A. It's D period E period L period, D.E.L. Motors.
- 12 Q. Okay. And that's a car dealership in Junction
- 13 City?
- 14 A. Yes, it is.
- 15 Q. And one with whom you've done business over the
- 16 years.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Did you hear the conversation or at least the
- 19 customer's end of the conversation, that
- 20 transpired thereafter?
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- ZI A. IES, I QIQ.
- 22 Q. And what was said?
- 23 A. I heard Tim McVeigh ask for-- if he had
- 24 anything in the two or three hundred dollar
- 25 range for a car, and then, you know, they ended

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- 1 the conversation.
- 2 Q. When that telephone conversation ended, Mr.
- 3 Manning, what did you do next?
- 4 A. Well, the first thing I thought of was my '77
- 5 Mercury I had sitting out back and just the
- 6 right price range.
- 7 Q. And with that thought in mind, what did you do?
- 8 A. I told Tim McVeigh about the car and asked him
- 9 if he'd like to see it, if he was interested in
- 10 it.
- 11 Q. And how did he respond?
- 12 A. He wanted to look at it, so we went out back
- and looked over the car, and--
- 14 Q. Well, let me ask you, who left the inside of
- the office area at Firestone and went out back?
- 16 A. Myself and Tim McVeigh.
- 17 Q. Just the two of you?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And you walked to the city lot that you've

- 20 previously identified?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And what took place there?
- 23 A. Well, I kind of-- we kind of walked-- I showed
- 24 him the car and asked him if he wanted to take
- it for a drive, and he said yes.

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- 1 Q. Mr. Manning, before you went for a drive, what
- 2 information did you give the customer about the
- 3 condition or the background or the history of
- 4 that vehicle?
- 5 A. I just told him it wasn't a real pretty car,
- 6 but it seemed to run real good. It was-- it
- 7 wasn't the best car in the world, but it ought
- 8 to get by for a while.
- 9 Q. Did you and Mr. McVeigh thereafter take a test
- 10 drive in the '77 Mercury?
- 11 A. Yes, we did.
- 12 Q. Before you did so, did you have to put any
- 13 plates on it?
- 14 A. I put our-- we have a drive-away tag with a
- magnet on it that sticks on the back of the
- 16 car.
- 17 Q. And where did you get that?
- 18 A. That's at the store.

- 19 O. Should we infer that there was no license
- 20 plate, then, on the Mercury on the morning of
- 21 April 14th, 1995?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- 23 Q. And that's the reason you put the drive-away
- tags on it?
- 25 A. Uh-huh.

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- 1 Q. Did anyone, other than you and Mr. McVeigh,
- join you on the test drive?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Who drove?
- 5 A. I did.
- 6 Q. Does that mean you started the car?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Did you have any trouble starting the Mercury
- 9 on that morning?
- 10 A. Not to my recollection.
- 11 Q. To your knowledge, when was the last time that
- the Mercury had been started?
- 13 A. It could have been at least a week or so.
- 14 Q. Describe for us where you and Mr. McVeigh went
- on the test drive.
- 16 A. We went approximately three blocks-- three to

- 1/ four blocks over to a Phillips 66 station. 1
- believe I put in \$3 worth of gasoline, and I
- 19 took a different route back to the store, and
- 20 he said the car was acceptable for him.
- 21 Q. Was there any other conversation you recall
- 22 between yourself and Mr. McVeigh during the
- course of the test drive?
- 24 A. Nothing that sticks in my mind.
- 25 Q. At the end of the test drive, did you and Mr.

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- 1 McVeigh have a discussion about his willingness
- 2 to buy that vehicle from you?
- 3 A. Yes, we discussed the terms of \$300 and I keep
- 4 his old car.
- 5 Q. Now, at that point in time, Mr. Manning, to the
- 6 best of your recollection, had you examined the
- 7 vehicle that he had arrived in?
- 8 A. Not until we got back from the test drive.
- 9 Q. And after you returned from the test drive, did
- 10 you do that?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And what did you do?
- 13 A. Oh, we just walked over to the car, and I asked
- 14 him for the title. I wanted to see if he had a
- 15 good, clean title on the car.

- 16 Q. Refer your attention, Mr. Manning, to
- Government's Exhibits 10 and 11 and ask you,
- first, as to No. 10, does that accurately
- depict, once again, the Firestone Store and
- 20 surrounding buildings as they appeared in April
- 21 of 1995?
- 22 A. Yes, it does.
- 23 Q. Is it similar with just slight variation from
- 24 Exhibit No. 11.
- 25 A. Yes, that's--

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- 1 MR. WOODS: That's 10.
- 2 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) Or 10, I'm sorry. Thank you.
- 3 A. That's a proper view of the store.
- 4 Q. With reference, then, to Government's Exhibit
- No. 10, could you tell us where the McVeigh
- 6 vehicle was parked when the two of you returned
- 7 after the test drive?
- 8 A. We're sitting in the-- came back to the side of
- 9 the parking lot directly behind the service
- 10 bays.
- 11 Q. Where is-- on what side of the building is the
- 12 parking lot for your Firestone Store?
- 13 A. That would be on the west side.
- 14 Q. And was the vehicle that Mr. McVeigh showed you

- 15 parked in that parking lot?
- 16 A. Yes, it was.
- 17 Q. And describe that car.
- 18 A. It was a blue '83 Pontiac J-2000 station wagon.
- 19 Q. I show you now, Mr. Manning, Government's
- Exhibits Manning 14, 15, 16 and 17. Take a
- 21 moment and look at each of those, please.
- 22 A. (Complied with counsel's request). Yes, that's
- the car.
- 24 Q. Do each of those exhibits, 14 through 17,
- 25 fairly and accurately depict the vehicle that

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- 1 you and Mr. McVeigh examined in your parking
- 2 lot on the morning of April 14th?
- 3 A. Yes, it does.
- 4 MR. MACKEY: We'll move to admit
- 5 those same exhibits, 14 through 17.
- 6 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) Mr. Manning, could you tell us
- 7 in more detail exactly what you and Mr. McVeigh
- 8 did concerning the Pontiac vehicle at that
- 9 point in time?
- 10 A. We-- I believe that's when he produced the
- 11 title. We agreed-- he agreed to the \$300 and
- 12 his car for the Mercury.

- 13 Q. Did you see Mr. McVeigh obtain the title from
- 14 the vehicle?
- 15 A. I believe he got it from the vehicle. I know--
- 16 all I know is I remember seeing the title, and
- 17 it-- at that time, that's when he introduced
- himself to who he was.
- 19 Q. Now, as-- and I'll get to that in just a
- 20 moment. As part of the inspection, Mr.
- 21 Manning, did you walk around the Pontiac
- vehicle?
- 23 A. A little bit, not very much.
- 24 Q. Were you able to, from your vantage point, see
- 25 the interior, what was inside, the vehicle on

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- that morning?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. What do you recall seeing?
- 4 A. The two things that stick in my mind that I saw
- 5 was I saw an OD green canvas type bag sitting
- 6 in the back seat and an orange plastic
- 7 container that reminded me of a gallon of hand
- 8 cleaner.
- 9 Q. Did you see a television set anywhere in the
- 10 Pontiac station wagon on April 14th?
- 11 A. I have no recollection of that.

- 12 Q. Would you remember it if you saw a TV set in
- 13 the back of the Pontiac?
- 14 A. I would think I would, but I-- (pause).
- 15 Q. Now, you told us that Mr. McVeigh produced the
- 16 title to that vehicle during this inspection.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. I'm going to hand you now Government Exhibit
- 19 Manning No. 20. Would you take a look at that
- document, please?
- 21 A. (Complied with counsel's request).
- 22 Q. Have you seen that before today?
- 23 A. Yes, I have.
- 24 Q. When did you first see it?
- 25 A. That's when Timothy McVeigh got the title out

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- 1 and signed it.
- 2 Q. Is Government Exhibit 20 the title that Mr.
- 3 McVeigh produced to you on the morning of April
- 4 14th, 1995?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And is it the title to the Pontiac vehicle that
- 7 you've previously identified in the
- 8 photographs?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 MR. MACKEY: We'd move to admit

- 11 Government Exhibit 20.
- 12 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) Mr. Manning, you were telling
- 13 us during this conversation at the Pontiac that
- Mr. McVeigh made a point of identifying
- himself.
- 16 A. Yes, he did.
- 17 Q. Would you describe what happened?
- 18 A. He said-- he said, "You remember me, don't
- 19 you? I'm Tim McVeigh." He had a hooded
- 20 (demonstrated) -- I believe it was a hooded
- sweat shirt on, and he pulled his hood down,
- 22 and then I-- at that point in time I recognized
- 23 him.
- 24 Q. Mr. Manning, approximately how many customers
- do you see on a monthly basis?

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- 1 A. It could be anywhere from six to eight hundred.
- 2 Q. And was that true during the time period
- 3 between 1991 and 1995?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. By that point in time; that is, the inspection
- of the Pontiac, Mr. Manning, had the two of you
- 7 reached an agreement to sell the Mercury to Mr.
- 8 McVeigh?

- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And, again, what were the specific terms of
- 11 that agreement?
- 12 A. The \$300 and I took his Pontiac in on trade.
- 13 Q. At that point in time, Mr. Manning, was there
- 14 any discussion about producing a title to the
- 15 1977 Mercury?
- 16 A. Not at that time.
- 17 Q. Did that happen later?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. After the inspection of the Pontiac?
- 20 A. It was later on down the line.
- 21 Q. What happened next between you and Mr. McVeigh
- 22 after you had done the walk-around of the
- 23 Pontiac?
- 24 A. Well, I told him that there-- I wanted to check
- 25 a few things out on the car and make sure it

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- was road-worthy.
- 2 Q. Which car were you referring to then?
- 3 A. The '77 Mercury Marquis.
- 4 Q. And what steps did you take to do that?
- 5 A. It was pulled into one of the bays, and we
- 6 checked all the fluid levels, put a used tire
- 7 on the right rear, put in a couple of quarts of

- 8 transmission fluid for him. I believe the car
- 9 had a transmission leak on it, a small
- 10 transmission leak.
- 11 Q. Did you or your mechanics also check the
- 12 battery?
- 13 A. I believe they just checked the battery water
- 14 level.
- 15 Q. Incidentally, the tire that was replaced on the
- Mercury, did it use the same wheel of the one
- 17 that was on at the time?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. So would that involve taking the tire off that
- wheel and mounting the new replacement?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Was that done, then, in the service bay at your
- 23 store?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. As part of this road-worthiness check?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Incidentally, with reference to Exhibits 10 and
- 3 11, Mr. Manning, on what side of the building
- are the service bays? How do you get in there?
- 5 A. Well, you drive into them from the west side.
- 6 O. So they serve from the same customer parking

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- 7 lot area that you've described before.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Mr. Manning, did you have any of your personal
- 10 property in the 1977 Mercury Marquis?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. To the best of your knowledge, Mr. Manning,
- 13 what, if any, mechanical work had been done on
- 14 that Mercury between the time you first
- acquired it and the time that it got ready for
 - sale to Mr. McVeigh?
- 17 A. None that I can think of, other than we--
- there was some old stereo wires hanging down
- 19 underneath the dash that were clipped out, some
- 20 transmission fluid put in it. Nothing of any
- 21 major degree at all.
- 22 Q. After the car was pulled into the service bay,
- what did you do?
- 24 A. I went back up front to the office.
- 25 Q. And what did you do in connection with this

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- particular sale?
- 2 A. I believe I-- I think at that time I-- I can't
- 3 remember the sequence of some of the things,
- 4 but I believe I was-- I could have started

- filling out the bill of sale at that time.
- 6 Q. And what document did you use to prepare a bill
- 7 of sale for this transaction?
- 8 A. I had a blank bill of sale.
- 9 Q. Did you, in fact, prepare one?
- 10 A. Yes, I did.
- 11 Q. Let me show you Government Exhibit Manning No.
- 12 18. What is that, please?
- 13 A. That's a bill of sale.
- 14 Q. Does it relate to the transaction with Mr.
- McVeigh that you've been describing?
- 16 A. Yes, it does.
- 17 Q. Does it have handwriting on it?
- 18 A. Yes, it does.
- 19 Q. And whose handwriting are the entries?
- 20 A. That's all mine.
- MR. MACKEY: We'll move to admit
- Government Exhibit No. 18.
- 23 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) Mr. Manning, there is certain
- 24 personal information on the bill of sale, is
- 25 there not? On the left hand side, for--

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. -- example, that relates to you?
- 3 A. Yes.

- 4 Q. On the right-hand side, it relates to Mr.
- 5 McVeigh?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. From whom did you get the personal information
- 8 under the name Timothy McVeigh?
- 9 A. From Tim McVeigh.
- 10 Q. The bill of sale also requires the
- identification of the vehicle, does it not?
- 12 A. Yes, it does.
- 13 Q. And did you enter that number in that line?
- 14 A. Yes, I did.
- 15 O. And what is that number?
- 16 A. That's the vehicle identification number.
- 17 Q. For the Mercury?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Where did you get the VIN number?
- 20 A. From the Mercury.
- 21 Q. Did that entail the need for you to go out and
- actually examine the vehicle and write down the
- VIN number?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. At that point in time, Mr. Manning; that is,

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7 von narconally have a title to the 1977

- 7 You betoomatty make a citize to the tall
- 3 Mercury?
- 4 A. No, I did not.
- 5 Q. Now, once you prepared the bill of sale with
- 6 the information that's set forth in Exhibit 18,
- 7 what did you do with the document?
- 8 A. I made a copy of it and gave it to McVeigh, the
- 9 original, and kept this (indicating) for my
- 10 record.
- 11 Q. In the course of time, Mr. Manning, did you
- 12 tender or produce Government Exhibit 18 to the
- 13 FBI?
- 14 A. Yes, I did.
- 15 Q. Was that from your records there at the
- 16 Firestone Store?
- 17 A. I had it at home.
- 18 Q. All right. Directing your attention, Mr.
- 19 Manning, to the bottom portion of the bill of
- sale, do you see an entry concerning-- or
- 21 including an address in Decker, Michigan?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And who wrote that information?
- 24 A. I did.
- 25 Q. Could you tell us when you wrote it down?

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- 1 A. That was just about before the deal was all
- 2 completed. I asked-- I told-- I explained to
- 3 Tim McVeigh that I did not have the title, and
- I needed an address to send the title to when I
- 5 got it, and this was the address that he gave
- 6 me.
- 7 Q. For that purpose.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Did you and Mr. McVeigh have a conversation
- about his need for a title to that vehicle?
- 11 A. It didn't seem to be a real, real great
- 12 concern. He just made the comment, "All I'm
- really worried about is getting from here to
- 14 Michigan."
- 15 Q. The vehicle, that is?
- 16 A. Yeah. He just needed a vehicle to get to
- 17 Michigan.
- 18 Q. On the face of Exhibit 18, what color is the
- ink that appears at the bottom of that
- 20 document?
- 21 A. Blue.
- 22 Q. And is it different than the rest of the
- 23 content of the document?
- 24 A. Yes, because-- yes, the document is a copy.
- 25 Q. And why is it different?

- 1 A. Because I put this in after I had given Tim
- 2 McVeigh his copy.
- 3 Q. Did you and Mr. McVeigh have any conversation
- 4 about putting license plates on the Mercury if
- 5 it was going to be on the roads?
- 6 A. I had told him that there-- as long as he had
- 7 his registration and his proof of insurance
- 8 with him, he could legally run his tag off the
- 9 Pontiac 2000 on the Mercury with his bill of
- sale, and if he got stopped, he would-- it
- 11 would be legal.
- 12 Q. That was the conversation you had with Mr.
- 13 McVeigh before the close of the transaction?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. When you had done the walk-around of the
- Pontiac, did you notice whether it had a
- 17 license plate on it?
- 18 A. Yes, it did.
- 19 Q. And what state?
- 20 A. It was Arizona.
- 21 Q. And in the conversation that you've just
- 22 described, did you tell Mr. McVeigh that he
- 23 could transfer the plates from the Pontiac to
- the Mercury?
- 25 A. Yes, I did.

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- 1 Q. At some point, I take it, the Mercury was
- 2 removed from the service bay?
- 3 A. Yes, it was.
- 4 Q. And what happened at that point?
- 5 A. It was parked back out in the parking lot.
- 6 Q. And when it came back out of the service bay,
- 7 what happened to the car?
- 8 A. We finished the cash transaction.
- 9 Q. Before Mr. McVeigh left that morning, Mr.
- 10 Manning, did he execute the back side of the
- 11 Pontiac title, did he sign it?
- 12 A. Yes, he did.
- 13 Q. And did he sign it in your presence?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And examine Exhibit No. 20 one more time,
- 16 please.
- 17 A. (Complied with counsel's request).
- 18 Q. Do you see that signature?
- 19 A. Uh-huh.
- 20 Q. And was that paperwork done before Mr. McVeigh
 - 21 left?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Now, once he was in the Mercury in the parking
- lot, did you and Mr. McVeigh exchange monies?
- 25 A. Yes, he handed me three one hundred dollar

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- 1 bills. He made the comment that he was hoping
- 2 he had enough money to get back to Michigan.
- 3 At that time, I reached in my pocket and gave
- 4 him a \$50 bill back.
- 5 Q. And why did you do that?
- 6 A. Just a good gesture. Just to help out.
- 7 Q. Did you see Mr. McVeigh then leave your
- 8 premises, or the Firestone premises, that
- 9 morning?
- 10 A. I turned and walked away. I didn't-- I heard
- 11 him drive off, but I was walking back up to the
- 12 front office.
- 13 Q. Mr. Manning, can you estimate approximately
- 14 what time of morning it was that Tim McVeigh
- drove off in the Mercury?
- 16 A. Somewhere between 10:15 and 10:30.
- 17 Q. When Mr. McVeigh was in the Mercury departing
- 18 Firestone, was anybody else with him?
- 19 A. Not that I saw.
- 20 Q. When you did the walk-around of the Pontiac,
- was there any other person in the Pontiac?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. At any point in time in your dealings with Tim
- McVeigh on April 14th, 1995, did you see any

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- 1 individual?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Could you tell us, Mr. Manning, what Mr.
- 4 McVeigh's manner was with you on the morning of
- 5 April 14th?
- 6 A. Just pleasant, easy going.
- 7 Q. And how did that correspond with your memory of
- 8 him as a customer from years past?
- 9 A. Just the way I remembered him from before.
- 10 Q. Mr. Manning, during the course of the morning
- 11 between the time that Mr. McVeigh arrived with
- the Pontiac and left with the Mercury, was he
- gone from the Firestone Store at any point in
- 14 time?
- MR. NIGH: I object unless the
- 16 witness has personal knowledge.
- 17 A. Yes, he was gone for a short period of time
- 18 while we were checking the car over.
- 19 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) Did you and Mr. McVeigh have a
- 20 conversation at that point in time when he
- 21 left?
- 22 A. I believe he said something like, "I'll be back
- in a couple of minutes."

- 24 Q. And your best recollection is that took place
- when the Mercury was pulled in to begin the

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- 1 road-worthiness work.
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Do you have an estimate, Mr. Manning, as to
- 4 approximately how long Mr. McVeigh was gone
- from the Firestone premises?
- 6 A. Approximately ten, 15 minutes.
- 7 Q. And during that same time period, were you
- 8 there at the Firestone Store throughout?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Do you know where Tim McVeigh went?
- 11 A. No, I don't.
- 12 Q. Mr. Manning, tell us what happened to the
- 13 Pontiac after the time Mr. McVeigh left in the
- 14 Mercury.
- 15 A. Well, shortly after Tim McVeigh left, I called
- 16 Hess Auto Salvage and determined the price,
- 17 what they would pay, for it. I pulled it in
- 18 the bay. We pulled off four tires that were
- 19 good, put on four old tires, and another person
- 20 working at the store, Joe Grimes, drove it down
- 21 to Hess Auto Salvage.
- 22 O To Hass H-E-S-S?

- 22 Y. IO 11COO 11 H O O.
- 23 A. Yes, it is.
- 24 Q. How long after Mr. McVeigh's departure was the
- 25 Pontiac situated on your business premises?

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- 1 A. Excuse me, how long did it sit there?
- 2 Q. Yeah.
- 3 A. I really-- I really don't remember.
- 4 Q. But I take it, it was moved shortly after the
- 5 time Mr. McVeigh left.
- 6 MR. NIGH: I object as leading.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) Go ahead and answer.
- 8 A. Yes, it was moved after he left, yes.
- 9 Q. By way of arrangements you made with Hess & Son
- 10 to buy it?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. During the time that it was at Firestone, Mr.
- 13 Manning, to your knowledge did you or any
- 14 employee put anything inside the Pontiac?
- 15 A. No, not that— not that I know anything about.
- 16 Q. And when the Pontiac was driven to Hess & Son,
- did it have a license plate on it?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. When the Pontiac was taken over to the salvage
- 20 yard, what, if anything, happened to the title

- 21 to that same car?
- 22 A. The title was handed to somebody down at Hess &
- 23 Son's.
- 24 Q. Mr. Manning, when was the next time that you
- 25 had any conversation with anyone about the sale

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- of your Mercury to Tim McVeigh?
- 2 A. It was on the Wednesday, I believe it was the
- 3 19th, I got a call from the Junction City
- 4 Police Department asking me if I had sold
- 5 the '77 Mercury Marquis to Timothy McVeigh, and
- I said, "Yes, he should have a bill of sale
- 7 with him that I gave him."
- 8 Q. And do you remember whether the caller, the
- 9 person from the Junction City PD, was male or
- 10 female?
- 11 A. It was female.
- 12 Q. Did you pull any records to refresh your memory
- about any of the events that you described to
- 14 the police department on that day?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. You simply told them what you remembered from
- 17 your memory.
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. When did you next have any contact with anyone

- about the sale of the Mercury?
- 21 A. I believe it was Friday, the 21st, Ron Kramer
- that works at the store was off sick. He
- 23 called me and told me that he had seen on one
- 24 of the--
- MR. NIGH: I'm going to object as

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- 1 hearsay about what another person told the
- witness.
- MR. MACKEY: For the record, this is
- 4 offered, so that it would show what steps Mr.
- 5 Manning took after the time of this
- 6 conversation.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) Go ahead.
- 8 A. He told me he had seen the Mercury on
- 9 national-- on television on a news station and
- 10 that they had arrested Tim McVeigh for the
- Oklahoma City bombing, and that was-- at which
- 12 time I called the Junction City Police
- 13 Department and talked to Detective Wesoloski,
- and he told me to call in the-- the phone
- number for the FBI up on Fort Riley.
- 16 Q. Did you learn, then, on April 21st, 1995, that
- 17 Mr. McVeigh had been arrested in the vehicle
- 10 train had and him?

- TO YOU HAU SOTU HIM:
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And for that reason, you then contacted law
- 21 enforcement officials.
- 22 A. Yes, I did.
- 23 Q. After that time, Mr. Manning, did you take any
- steps to process the title on that Mercury?
- 25 A. I called Larry Rexrode and told him, "We need

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- 1 to get the title work finished to get it over
- into my name."
- 3 Q. For the record, let me hand you Government
- 4 Exhibit Manning No. 19. It's both the original
- 5 and copy before you, Mr. Manning. Can you
- 6 examine that, please?
- 7 A. (Complied with counsel's request).
- 8 Q. What is Exhibit 19?
- 9 A. It's the title to the '77 Mercury Marquis.
- 10 Q. On April 14th, 1995, did you have that document
- on the day of the sale to Mr. McVeigh?
- 12 A. No, I did not.
- 13 Q. When did you first see Government Exhibit 19?
- 14 A. I think it was given to me on-- I believe it
- was the 23rd of April.
- 16 Q. On the reverse side of Exhibit 19, it has a

- 17 number of signatures, does it not?
- 18 A. Yes, it does.
- 19 Q. Do you see your signature?
- 20 A. Yes, I do.
- 21 Q. And is that your signature?
- 22 A. Yes, it is.
- 23 Q. And did you put it on Exhibit 19?
- 24 A. Yes, I did.
- 25 Q. On approximately what date?

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- 1 A. That would have been when I got the title, the
- twenty-- (reporter interruption), approximately
- 3 the-- I believe it was the 23rd of April.
- 4 Q. Mr. Manning, there's a number of entries with
- 5 reference to the odometer reading on that
- 6 vehicle on Exhibit 19. Do you see those
- 7 numbers?
- 8 A. Yes, I do.
- 9 Q. Did you write any of those numbers on the back
- of that title?
- 11 A. No, I did not.
- 12 Q. Did you make a record, at the time you had the
- 13 Mercury in your possession, as to the reading
- on that odometer?
- 15 A. No, I didn't.

- 16 Q. After you signed the back of Exhibit 19, Mr.
- Manning, what did you do with it?
- 18 A. Turned it over to the FBI.
- 19 Q. Was it sometime after your meeting with Mr.
- 20 Rexrode where the document was prepared?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. Are any of the writings on Exhibit 19 yours,
- other than your signature?
- 24 A. None.
- 25 Q. Mr. Manning, while the vehicle was in your

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- 1 possession at Firestone in April of 1995, to
- 2 your knowledge was the odometer rolled back or
- 3 changed in any fashion?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. While the Mercury was at the Firestone Store,
- 6 Mr. Manning, what use did you personally make
- of it, other than the test drive you've
- 8 described already?
- 9 A. I made no use of it.
- 10 Q. Do you know if any of your employees did?
- 11 A. Yes, a gentleman who worked for me, James
- 12 Fulgium, was interested in the motor to put in
- 13 his Ford truck.

- 14 Q. And do you know whether he drove the vehicle?
- 15 A. Yes, he did.
- 16 Q. Do you remember how many occasions?
- 17 A. Once, maybe twice.
- 18 Q. To your knowledge, was the Mercury always left
- 19 overnight at the Firestone Store or the lot
- immediately to the north?
- 21 A. With the exception of the one night that James
- 22 Fulgium took it home with him, that I knew of
- 23 it.
- 24 Q. Mr. Manning, was the sale of the Mercury
- 25 Marquis to Tim McVeigh a personal transaction?

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- 1 A. Yes, it was.
- 2 Q. It was not the business of Firestone.
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 MR. MACKEY: For the record, let me
- 5 move to admit, if I failed previously, into
- 6 admission Government Exhibit No. 10.
- 7 MR. NIGH: No. 10?
- 8 MR. MACKEY: Yes.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) I believe that is one of the
- 10 aerial photographs, is it not, Mr. Manning?
- 11 A. Yes, it is.
- 12 Q. Mr. Manning, do you know a person named Terry

- 13 Nichols?
- 14 A. I do not know him, no.
- 15 Q. Based on your review of business records of
- 16 your store, do you know whether Firestone has
- done business with Terry Nichols?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Do you remember when that was?
- 20 A. Not without seeing the sales ticket again.
- 21 Q. Were you personally involved in that
- 22 transaction?
- 23 A. No, I was not.
- 24 Q. Were you at work on that day?
- 25 A. No, I was not.

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- 1 Q. Based on your previous review of the document,
- what business did Mr. Nichols do with your
- 3 store?
- 4 A. He purchased ball joints for his GMC truck,
- 5 three tires and had a wheel alignment done.
- 6 MR. MACKEY: And, finally, just as a
- 7 matter of record, Mr. Jones, Mr. Nigh, in
- 8 accord with our previous conversations, there
- 9 would be a stipulation from the Defendant Tim
- 10 McVeigh that based upon his prior association
- 11 with Mr. McVeigh, Tom Manning could identify

12	Tim McVeigh in a courtroom as the person to
13	whom he sold his 1977 Mercury on Friday, April
14	14th, 1995.
15	MR. NIGH: I object to the wording of
16	the stipulation. We're prepared to stipulate
17	that Mr. Manning could identify Tim McVeigh as
18	the person he sold the car to.
19	MR. MACKEY: Thank you for the
20	completion of the record. One moment.
21	And, finally, for the record, I'd move
22	into admission Government Exhibit 19, the title
23	of the 1977 Mercury.
24	MR. NIGH: We object to that exhibit.
25	MR. MACKEY: I have no other
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1	questions of Mr. Manning.
2	MR. NIGH: Let's take about five
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4	minutes
_	minutes MR. MACKEY: Do you want to take a
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	MR. MACKEY: Do you want to take a
5	MR. MACKEY: Do you want to take a break?
5	MR. MACKEY: Do you want to take a break? MR. NIGH: so we can mark some

- 10 BY MR. NIGH:
- 11 Q. Mr. Manning, as I told you earlier, my name is
- 12 Rob Nigh, I'm one of the lawyers for Tim
- McVeigh. First of all, let me ask you, Mr.
- Manning, whether or not you've spoken to the
- FBI or agents of the FBI on a number of
- occasions prior to giving your deposition
- 17 today.
- 18 A. Yes, I have.
- 19 Q. First of all, you spoke to them on April 22nd
- of 1995; is that right?
- 21 A. It was the 21st.
- 22 Q. You believe it was the 21st?
- 23 A. Friday.
- 24 Q. On Friday the 21st. Of April?
- 25 A. Correct.

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- 1 Q. Do you have a recollection of that?
- 2 A. Friday is the 21st, isn't it.
- 3 Q. Well, tell me what your memory is, if you
- 4 would.
- 5 A. My memory is on speaking to the FBI on Friday,
- 6 April 21st, when I found out that the car was
- 7 seen on TV.
- 8 Q. On that occasion, did you speak to them on the

- 9 phone or did you speak to them in person?
- 10 A. On the phone.
- 11 Q. Then the first time you met with them in person
- was on April 22nd; is that right?
- 13 A. It should have been the next day, Saturday,
- 14 correct.
- 15 Q. And on that date you spoke to Special Agent
- Dewald and Special Agent Rindt; is that
- 17 correct?
- 18 A. I remember Agent Rindt. I don't-- yeah,
- 19 Dewald, that sounds familiar. I remember Rindt
- for sure.
- 21 Q. And those agents wanted to ask you detailed
- 22 questions about what happened when you sold the
- 23 Mercury Marquis; is that right?
- 24 A. Correct.
- MR. MACKEY: Objection to the form of

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- 1 the question.
- 2 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) Those agents asked you a
- 3 number of questions about the transaction
- 4 involving the Mercury Marquis.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And they wanted to know all the specifics about
- 7 the transaction.

- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And they asked you about the timing of the
- 10 transaction?
- 11 A. I don't recall all-- how specific the
- 12 conversation was at that time.
- 13 Q. You didn't tell Agent Dewald or Agent Rindt
- 14 that Mr. McVeigh left Firestone that morning,
- 15 did you?
- 16 A. No, I don't believe I was asked the question.
- 17 Q. And you didn't volunteer the information.
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Then special agents from the FBI talked to you
- again on April 23rd of 1995, the following day,
- 21 did they not?
- 22 A. That would have been a Sunday, yes.
- 23 Q. And again it was Agent Dewald and Agent Rindt,
- 24 correct?
- 25 A. I don't remember Agent Dewald. I remember

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- 1 Agent Rindt.
- 2 Q. On April 23rd, when you spoke to Agent Rindt,
- 3 again you did not tell Agent Rindt that Mr.
- 4 McVeigh had left the premises of Firestone,
- 5 correct?

- 6 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 7 Q. Then the next time you talked to agents for the
- FBI was on April 25th of 1995; is that right?
- 9 A. I believe so.
- 10 Q. And on that occasion was Agent Rindt by
- 11 himself?
- 12 A. I don't remember.
- 13 Q. And on April 25th of 1995, you didn't tell
- 14 Agent Rindt that Mr. McVeigh had left the
- premises of Firestone on the morning he
- 16 purchased the Mercury Marquis, correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. Then you spoke to Agent Rindt again on April
- 19 28th of 1995; is that right?
- 20 A. I don't-- I'm not keeping track of the dates
- 21 that I talked to him, but I talked to him a bit
- 22 over several days.
- 23 Q. Have you had the opportunity to review
- 24 statements that you made to the FBI or
- 25 typewritten versions of the statements that you

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- 1 made to the FBI?
- 2 A. No, I have not.
- 3 Q. You never looked at those.
- 4 A. (Shakes from side to side).

- 5 Q. I'm sorry, please answer out loud.
- 6 A. No, I don't remember seeing those.
- 7 Q. Do you remember talking to Agent Rindt a number
- 8 of occasions in the weeks following April 21st
- 9 of 1995?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. On any of those occasions did you tell Agent
- 12 Rindt that Tim McVeigh had left the premises of
- 13 Firestone on the morning that he purchased the
- 14 Mercury Marquis?
- 15 A. Not to my recollection.
- 16 Q. Did you ever tell any other agent from the FBI
- or any other law enforcement source that Mr.
- McVeigh had left the premises on the morning
- that he purchased the Mercury Marquis?
- 20 A. Not to my recollection.
- 21 Q. And would it be fair to say that you've made at
- least eight statements to the FBI prior to
- 23 giving this deposition today?
- 24 A. Pretty close, yes.
- 25 Q. And you've also met with the lawyers for the

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- 1 government in this case; is that correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 O. And given them detailed statements--

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- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. -- as well. Parallel to the statements that
- 6 you gave to the FBI.
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. When did you arrive for the deposition today?
- 9 A. Approximately 12:30.
- 10 Q. Earlier this week did you discuss your
- 11 testimony with the lawyers for the government?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And how many meetings did you have with the
- lawyers for the government?
- 15 A. Phone or personal?
- 16 Q. Let's start with phone.
- 17 A. A couple.
- 18 Q. How long did those phone conversations last?
- 19 A. Twenty or twenty-five minutes, approximately.
- 20 Q. How many times did you meet with them in
- 21 person?
- 22 A. Since?
- 23 Q. Well, let's start with the past week.
- 24 A. Well, I think it was week before last there was
- 25 a-- several hours.

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1 Q. You met with them for several hours; is that

- 2 correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. About your testimony during this deposition.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Was that on one day or on several days?
- 7 A. One day.
- 8 Q. Before that, had you ever met with attorneys
- 9 for the government to talk about your testimony
- 10 either in deposition or at a trial?
- 11 A. In person or the phone or-- (pause).
- 12 Q. Well, let's start with on the phone.
- 13 A. Okay. There's been a couple of phone calls
- 14 discussing it.
- 15 Q. How long did those phone calls last?
- 16 A. Fifteen, twenty minutes.
- 17 Q. Had you also met with the lawyers for the
- 18 government in person?
- 19 A. I think one other time.
- 20 Q. How long did that meeting last?
- 21 A. Approximately 30 minutes.
- 22 O. If I recall your testimony when Mr. Mackey was
- asking you questions, you said that this all
- started about 9 a.m.
- 25 A. Correct.

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- 1 Q. On that day. Let me ask you this: Do you have
- 2 a recollection of what day the car was actually
- 3 sold?
- 4 A. It would have been the 14th of April.
- 5 Q. Do you remember that, or is that based upon
- 6 something you've learned since it happened?
- 7 A. Sales ticket (indicating), my bill of sale.
- 8 Q. So you're basing that upon those records; is
- 9 that correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. You don't have an independent recollection that
- 12 it was the 14th.
- 13 A. Well, at the-- I don't know how to put it. I
- 14 mean, I got-- I know it was the 14th because
- that's the day the sales ticket was written.
- 16 Q. And you're basing that upon the entries that
- were made on the sales ticket, which-- what
- exhibit number is that, by the way?
- 19 A. 13.
- 20 Q. Government's Exhibit No. 13?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. Is that something that you filled out?
 - 23 A. No, it was filled out by Kelly Osburn.
- 24 Q. Is there any part of that that you've filled
- 25 out?

- 1 A. No.
- Q. You also said that this started at about 9 a.m.
- 3 that morning, correct?
- 4 A. Uh-huh.
- 5 Q. Let me hand you what I've marked as Exhibit TM
- 6 9 and ask you if you recognize that.
- 7 A. Yes, that's where he-- the terminal for the--
- 8 that sales ticket was voided-- (reporter
- 9 interruption). That's the ticket that was
- 10 generated by the computer when the sales ticket
- 11 was voided.
- 12 Q. Is that a document from your business,
- 13 Firestone?
- 14 A. Yes, it is.
- 15 Q. And is that a document that's kept in the
- ordinary course of business there--
- 17 A. Yes, it is.
- 18 Q. -- there at Firestone? And does it also have a
- 19 date and time on it?
- 20 A. Yes, 4-14-95, the transaction was voided at
- 21 8:20.
- 22 Q. So that means that Mr. McVeigh had been there
- 23 at least since 8:20 that morning; is that
- 24 correct?
- 25 A. No. The-- we had not reset the computer from

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- 1 the date change-- the time change earlier in
- 2 the month. I went back and researched the
- 3 day's business, and I have other transactions
- 4 that confer (sic) with the clock being off
- 5 backward an hour.
- 6 Q. Meaning it was 9:40?
- 7 A. It was 9:20 when that document was voided.
- 8 Q. The ticket that is referenced in the computer
- 9 document, what is the number on the ticket that
- 10 was voided?
- 11 A. 460876301.
- 12 Q. Is that the ticket that is Government's Exhibit
- 13 No. 3-- No. 13?
- 14 A. Yes, it is.
- 15 Q. Now, you didn't give that document to the
- government when they first came to see you, did
- 17 you, or the FBI?
- 18 A. Which document? This one (indicating) or this
- one (indicating)? 13 or yours?
- 20 Q. Government Exhibit No. 13, the ticket itself.
- 21 A. Okay. I don't remember what date it was given
- to the government.
- 23 Q. Did you give it to them the first time you saw
- 24 agents from the FBI?
- 25 A. No. It wasn't the first time, no.

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- 1 Q. Did you give it to them the second time you saw
- 2 agents for the FBI?
- 3 A. I don't recall which visit which we, you know,
- 4 got all the paperwork out.
- 5 Q. In fact, it wasn't until November 13th of 1995
- 6 that you gave him that ticket; is that right?
- 7 MR. MACKEY: Objection, asked and
- 8 answered, contrary to the other evidence. See
- 9 Defendant's Exhibit 2.
- 10 A. I don't recall.
- 11 Q. (BY MR. NIGH) Was that document, the ticket
- that was voided, was it lost for a period of
- 13 time?
- 14 A. This (indicating), no.
- 15 Q. Government's Exhibit No. 13?
- 16 A. No, it was not lost.
- 17 Q. Mr. Manning, let's talk about the car itself
- 18 for a moment.
- 19 A. Okay.
- 20 Q. The car was a 1977 model of the Mercury
- 21 Marquis; is that right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. So it was 18 years old at the time you sold it
- 24 to Mr. McVeigh; is that right?

25 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. And it had over 97,000 miles on it at the time?
- 2 A. I don't recall the speedometer reading. I had
- 3 no occasion where it was any big deal to see
- 4 how many miles were on the car.
- 5 Q. So you don't know how many miles were on it.
- 6 A. I never actually physically looked at the
- 7 odometer myself.
- 8 Q. You had described it at one time as a
- 9 roachmobile; is that right?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. Would that be an accurate description of the
- 12 car?
- 13 A. It was rough, yes.
- 14 Q. In fact, there was something wrong with the
- 15 transmission.
- 16 A. I believe it just had a leak.
- 17 Q. That's something wrong with the transmission,
- 18 is it not?
- 19 A. Yes, it is.
- 20 Q. And you had to put some transmission fluid in
- 21 it yourself?
- 22 A. Not myself, one of the guys in the shop did.
- 23 Q. And when Mr. McVeigh left with the car, in

fact, he took some transmission fluid with him,

25 did he not?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Is that right?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Because he was going to need it for that car?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. The gas gauge didn't work in the car either,
- 7 did it?
- 8 A. I don't recall.
- 9 Q. When you saw Mr. McVeigh that day, did anything
- 10 come to your attention about him being
- different from the previous times you'd seen
- 12 him?
- 13 A. His hair was cut different.
- 14 Q. Anything about his demeanor or the way that he
- 15 acted that was different?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. When you had the car there at the lot on
- 18 Firestone-- at Firestone after you bought it
- 19 yourself, there were a number of people that
- 20 had access to the car; is that true?
- 21 A. Yes.

- 22 Q. For example, Mr. Fulgium had access to the car
- and took it home on at least one night.
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. And Joe Grimes had access to the car.

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- 1 A. He had access.
- 2 Q. And Art Wells had access to the car; is that
- 3 right?
- 4 A. Yeah.
- 5 Q. Was the car ever cleaned, while it was in your
- 6 possession at Firestone, by you or by anybody
- 7 else?
- 8 A. If anything, maybe some trash taken out of it,
- 9 but there was never a cleaning done to it.
- 10 Q. Do you recall taking trash out of it yourself?
- 11 A. Not myself, no.
- 12 Q. Do you recall any of your employees or any of
- the people that work there taking trash out of
- 14 it?
- 15 A. The only thing I recall having been taken from
- the car is-- taken out of the car was some
- 17 wiring that was hanging down underneath the
- dash by the accelerator and brake pedal.
- MR. NIGH: I need just a moment.
- 20 Q. (BY MR. NIGH) Mr. Manning, when you had

- 21 telephone conferences with the attorneys for
- the government, were any of those conference
- calls where an FBI agent was also on the line?
- 24 A. Yeah, a couple of times.
- 25 Q. And when you met with the lawyers for the

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- 1 government in person, was there an FBI agent
- present for those meetings?
- 3 A. Yes, there was.
- 4 MR. HIGH: Mr. Mackey, are the notes
- 5 from those meetings going to be produced for
- 6 us? We would request production at this time--
- 7 of them at this time before we conclude with
- 8 Mr. Manning, the statements under the Jencks
- 9 Act.
- MR. MACKEY: That would be notes by
- whom, Mr. Nigh?
- MR. NIGH: By the FBI agents or FBI
- 302s or inserts which describe those meetings.
- MR. MACKEY: For the record, all the
- 302s and inserts relating to statements by Mr.
- Manning have been previously produced to
- 17 counsel for this defense.
- 18 MR. NIGH: Are there any-- let me
- 19 ask. if T may, are there any additional

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          statements or notes of statements made by Mr.
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          Manning to attorneys for the government when an
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          FBI agent was present that are not contained
          within these 302s and inserts?
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                    MR. MACKEY: Not to my knowledge, Mr.
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          Nigh, but I'll be happy to examine that after
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         the close of this proceeding.
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                   MR. NIGH: Of course the purpose
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         would be for me to be able to review them
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         before we conclude this proceeding.
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                   MR. MACKEY: I understand. I have no
6
         knowledge of agents' notes concerning the
7
         interviews of Mr. Manning that were not reduced
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         to written form in those 302s and the inserts
         that have been previously produced to you.
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                    MR. NIGH: We'll leave it at that for
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          now, I suppose.
          (BY MR. NIGH) Mr. Manning, how many bottles of
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          transmission fluid did Mr. McVeigh take with
          him when he left in the Mercury Marquis that
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          Two that I gave him, and he said he had some of
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his own.

- 18 Q. Did he tell you how many of his own he had?
- 19 A. I think-- I remember a couple. He said it-- I
- don't remember exactly.
- 21 Q. And were these quart bottles?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. So he had at least two and probably some more;
- is that right?
- 25 A. Yeah, two that I know of for sure.

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- 1 Q. And those were the ones that you provided to
- 2 him yourself?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Were they two full bottles?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Based upon the work you do as a mechanic, in
- 7 your experience at Firestone, if the odometer
- 8 on the Mercury Marquis read 97,000 miles, was
- 9 it possible that it had 197,000 miles on it?
- 10 A. It's very possible. It could have rolled over.
- 11 Q. Did you know the owners of the Mercury Marquis,
- the previous owners, before Mr. McVeigh bought
- 13 it?
- 14 A. No, I did not.
- 15 Q. Do you know what they did for a living or how
- 16 they used the car or what they may have done in

- 17 the car?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Do you know the mechanical history of the car?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 MR. NIGH: I believe that that's all
- I have.
- MR. JONES: Wait, wait.
- 24 (THEREUPON, an off-the-record
- discussion was had).

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- 1 Q. (BY MR. NIGH) Mr. Manning, when you met with
- 2 the government in person, did you tell them
- 3 what your memory and recollection was of these
- 4 events that you've described?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And when you talked to them on the telephone,
- 7 did you tell them about your memory of these
- 8 events that you've described today?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. That's all I have. Thank you, Mr. Manning.
- 11 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 12 BY MR. MACKEY:
- 13 Q. Mr. Manning, today is not the first day that
- 14 you've spoken to Attorney Robert Nigh about
- 15 this case is it?

- TO CIITO COSE, TO TE:
- 16 A. No, it's not.
- 17 Q. When did you speak to him?
- 18 A. The 29th of October?
- 19 Q. Of this year?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. So you took his call like you took the
- 22 Government lawyers' calls to discuss this
- case.
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. In the conversation with Mr. Nigh just last

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- 1 week, did he ask you whether Tim McVeigh left
- 2 the premises of the Firestone Store on April
- 3 14th?
- 4 A. No, he did not.
- 5 Q. Mr. Manning, let me hand you at this time what
- 6 I've marked as Government's Exhibits 23 and
- 7 24. Have you seen those before today?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Do you recognize those to be a transcript of
- 10 tape-recorded conversations between yourself--
- 11 MR. NIGH: I'm going to object on the
- 12 grounds of relevance to this.
- MR. MACKEY: I'll attempt to make

- 14 that--
- MR. NIGH: I'm sorry?
- MR. MACKEY: I'll attempt to make
- 17 that finding apparent by this question.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) Mr. Manning, do you understand
- 19 those to be transcripts of tape-recorded
- 20 conversations between yourself and
- 21 representatives of Timothy McVeigh?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. One is dated Government Exhibit 23, being
- 24 11-16, 1995?
- 25 A. Uh-huh. Yes.

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- 1 Q. Let me just verify the government numbers are
- 2 right.
- 3 A. Exhibit 24?
- 4 Q. Exhibit 24, thank you. And Exhibit 23 is dated
- 5 June 3rd, 1995.
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. And those represent transcripts of two
- 8 conversations you had with defense
- 9 representatives for Mr. McVeigh in June and
- November of 1995, correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Did you read those-- each of those?

- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And did, at any point in time, those
- 15 representatives ask you explicitly did Tim
- 16 McVeigh leave the Firestone Store on April
- 17 14th?
- 18 A. No, they didn't.
- 19 MR. NIGH: I object on the grounds of
- 20 relevance.
- 21 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) When did the-- to the best of
- your recollection, Mr. Manning, did anyone ask
- you that specific question?
- 24 A. Sometime in the past couple of months.
- 25 Q. Do you know who it was that asked you that

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- 1 specific question?
- 2 A. I believe it was you.
- 3 Q. And when asked that specific question, Mr.
- 4 Manning, what answer did you give about whether
- 5 Tim McVeigh had left the premises of the
- 6 Firestone Store?
- 7 A. I said yes.
- 8 Q. And was your answer that time the same as the
- 9 answer you've given today in this deposition?
- 10 MR. NIGH: I object, it's leading.
- 11 7 7 ...

- II A. Ies.
- 12 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) Incidentally, Mr. Manning, you
- refer to a statement that you made on Saturday,
- 14 April 22nd, 1995, your first occasion to meet
- and discuss with the FBI. Do you recall Mr.
- Nigh's questions--
- 17 A. About--
- 18 Q. -- about that?
- 19 A. I believe so, yes.
- 20 Q. That would be most close in time, would it not
- be, to the events that you've described today?
- 22 A. Yeah.
- 23 Q. Do you remember telling Agent Rindt on April
- 24 22nd, 1995, that Tim McVeigh, to the best of
- your recollection, arrived at 9 a.m. and

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- departed between 10 and 10:30 a.m. that
- 2 morning?
- 3 MR. NIGH: I object as leading.
- 4 A. That would be correct.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. MACKEY) There were a number of
- 6 documents that you alluded to as serving as
- 7 your foundation, Mr. Manning, for why you
- 8 recall these events taking place on April
- 9 14th. Do you recall those questions by Mr.

- 10 Manning-- or, excuse me, Mr. Nigh?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Direct your attention to the title of the
- 13 Pontiac. Is there a date on the reverse side
- when Tim McVeigh signed over the title?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And what is that date?
- 17 A. 14 April 1995.
- 18 Q. For the record, you've identified the bill of
- sale, the Pontiac title and the work order, all
- 20 bearing the same date of April 14th, 1995; is
- 21 that correct?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. Mr. Nigh asked you some questions about the
- 24 date that the-- excuse me, the time that the
- 25 McVeigh sales ticket was voided. Do you recall

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- 1 those questions?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And, specifically, they were directed to
- 4 document marked as Defendant No. 9-- Tim
- 5 McVeigh No. 9. Had you noticed before today
- 6 that there was a variance between the 9 o'clock
- 7 time on Exhibit 13 and other documents?
- 8 A. Yes, I knew that.

- 9 Q. And what would explain why there was a one-hour
- 10 difference for transactions in April of 1995?
- 11 A. We didn't reset the clock on the computer when
- the time changed the first part of April.
- 13 Q. Did you know that that would have-- the time
- 14 would have sprung forward in April-- early
- 15 April 1995?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. With that fact in mind, what time, then, based
- on your review of the records, was that
- 19 transaction voided?
- 20 A. 9:20.
- 21 Q. A.m.?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Mr. Manning, have you ever been to James
- Fulgium's house?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. Do you know approximately the distance between
- 2 Firestone and his residence?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And what would you estimate that to be?
- 5 A. Mile and a half.
- 6 Q. You mentioned Joe Grimes and Art Wells as being

- other employees that had, quote, access to the
- 8 vehicle. Could you describe what access they
- 9 actually used, whether they were ever in the
- 10 Mercury?
- 11 A. Access would have been if I would have given
- one of them the keys to drive it or have it
- 13 pulled in to do something or to move it. I had
- 14 control of the keys.
- 15 Q. Did you ever give them the keys to move the
- 16 Mercury?
- 17 A. It was moved several times, probably.
- 18 Q. Only in the distances noted on the photograph
- 19 within the distance from the city lot to the
- 20 service area.
- 21 A. Yes.
- MR. NIGH: I object as leading.
- 23 Q. Thanks, Mr. Manning, I have no other
- 24 questions.
- 25 RECROSS EXAMINATION

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- 1 BY MR. NIGH:
- 2 Q. Mr. Manning, prior to the time that you spoke
- 3 to Mr. Mackey, you talked to the FBI
- 4 approximately eight times; is that right?
- 5 A. Approximately.

- 6 Q. And in your conversations with the FBI, you
- 7 made every effort to tell them all the details
- 8 about what happened on the 14th of April.
- 9 A. Yes, to the best of my recollection.
- 10 Q. But you never told them about Tim McVeigh
- saying he was going to leave and come back;
- isn't that right?
- 13 A. The thought never crossed my mind.
- 14 Q. And the first time that anybody even-- ever
- 15 asked you about it was when Mr. Mackey asked
- 16 you about it; is that right?
- 17 A. I believe so.
- 18 Q. Was that when Mr. Mackey had come to see you in
- 19 person?
- 20 A. I can't remember for sure.
- 21 Q. Was there an FBI agent present with Mr. Mackey
- when he asked you about that?
- 23 A. I believe so.
- Q. Did Mr. Mackey show you any documents or ask
- you about any particular events in reference to

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- 1 Mr. McVeigh leaving and coming back?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Did he tell you that there was a reason he
- 4 wanted to ask you that question?

- 5 A. No, nothing that I can remember. If I may
- 6 add-- can I add something here?
- 7 Q. Sure.
- 8 A. I distinctly remember him being gone for a
- 9 short time.
- 10 Q. And the first time you related that to anybody
- from the government was when Mr. Mackey asked
- 12 you about it.
- 13 A. To the best of my recollection.
- 14 Q. How long ago was that?
- 15 A. Three weeks, a month. I don't remember
- 16 exactly.
- 17 Q. Approximately three weeks ago?
- 18 A. Three weeks to a month. I'm not sure.
- 19 Q. Three weeks or a month prior to this day, which
- is November 7th of 1996.
- 21 A. I'd say, to the best of my recollection.
- 22 Q. So the first time that you ever said anybody--
- anything to anyone about it was in, at the
- earliest, October of 1996; is that right?
- 25 A. That'd be close.

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- 1 Q. Approximately a year and a half after the
- events that you were describing; is that right?

- 3 A. Uh-huh.
- 4 Q. Is that yes?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 MR. NIGH: That's all I have.
- 7 MR. JONES: Just a second.
- 8 MR. NIGH: Almost.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. NIGH) Mr. Manning, did Mr. McVeigh say
- where he was going?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. How long was he gone?
- 13 A. Ten, fifteen minutes.
- 14 Q. Do you remember specifically?
- 15 A. I can't give the exact time. I remember we
- 16 concluded the deal. I pulled the car in so we
- 17 could take care of the-- checking it over and
- 18 backed the car out, and then he was back.
- 19 Q. Do you know which direction he went?
- 20 A. No, sir, I don't.
- 21 Q. Do you know what time it was when he left?
- 22 A. No, I wasn't-- all I know was there was a short
- 23 period of time that he was-- he was not on the
- lot, and he wasn't up in the front room.
- 25 Q. Do you know what time it was when he returned?

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1 A. I don't have any exact times, no.

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   Q. Approximate time?
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       10:15, 10:20, somewhere in that general
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        vicinity.
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                  MR. NIGH: That's all I have.
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                  MR. MACKEY: I have nothing else.
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   came before me in the offices of the U. S.
        Federal Courthouse, 444 Quincy Avenue, in the
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   City of Topeka, County of Shawnee, and State of
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        Kansas, on the 7th day of November, 1996,
   beginning at 1:30 p.m.,
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   THOMAS MANNING,
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   who was by me first duly sworn to testify to
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         the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the
   truth concerning the matters in controversy in
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         this cause, and that the deposition given by
   him, as herein set forth, was taken by me in
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