

Guard Saw 2nd Truck At Building Story Mirrors Bombing Trial Witness' Account Of Blast Day

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Daina Bradley's story Friday of watching a Ryder truck pull up in front of the Oklahoma City federal building just before it was blown up sounded eerily like an incident in the same spot 17 hours earlier.

A guard in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building maintains that shortly after 4 p.m. the day before the bombing, he watched a Ryder truck pull into the spot where the bomb later went off.

Investigators who believe the bombing was the work of a broad conspiracy believe the guard from the building's Social Security office may have seen a dress rehearsal by the terrorists for the next morning's events.

``There was either two or three men, but one jumped out the driver's side, and one or two out the passenger side," guard Guy Rubsamen told the Rocky Mountain News.

``The first thing that struck me was how quickly they jumped out. Those guys were in a hurry."

When no one came in with a delivery, Rubsamen said, he went out to the truck.

Rubsamen was called away, and on his return, the truck was gone.

His description of the truck matches accounts by several witnesses suggesting a second Ryder truck's involvement.

Shortly after the April 19, 1995, bombing, several witnesses told of seeing a second Ryder truck associated with the suspects or locations where the government believes the crime was planned and carried out.

A Ryder truck was seen at the Kansas lake where prosecutors think the bomb was built. But some witnesses saw it there when Timothy McVeigh was still in Arizona, so prosecutors didn't call them to testify.

Two defense witnesses testified Thursday that they saw McVeigh in a Ryder truck at the Junction City, Kan., motel where he was staying before the bombing, but it was more than a day before the bomb truck was rented.

Prosecutors have never suggested the possibility of a second truck.