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An Oklahoma lawmaker pushing for a new investigation into the federal building bombing said Tuesday that he will turn in more than double the number of signatures needed to call a special grand jury.

Rep. Charles Key said his drive has collected more than 10,000 signatures on a petition to set up a county grand jury.

"We already have sufficient signatures," Key said. "We're about double what they need."

Key and his supporters believe the federal investigation hasn't answered major questions about the April 19, 1995, bombing.

Key wants the local grand jury to look into allegations that others were involved in the crime. The charges against Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were brought by a federal grand jury. No state charges have been filed in the case.

Metropolitan State College meteorology Professor Anthony Rockwood took the stand Tuesday as an expert witness for the defense. He testified that it very likely was raining in Junction City, Kan., when the truck used in the bombing was rented.

According to the prosecution, McVeigh walked or ran more than a mile to the truck rental agency from a McDonald's restaurant where a security camera captured his image minutes before the rental.

The man who rented the truck wasn't wet, witnesses at the rental agency said.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch has ordered that the costs associated with the Oklahoma City bombing trial be kept secret until it is over.

But a forensic scientist Tuesday offered a glimpse of the costs.

Defense expert John Ryan Ford Lloyd, a forensic scientist from Britain, said he is being paid \$125 an hour and believes he has put in more than 200 hours on the case.