

6 ordered to testify in probe of bombing

■ Two witnesses say they saw Timothy McVeigh, accompanied by two men, driving behind a truck similar to the one used to blow up the Murrah federal building.

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OKLAHOMA CITY - A state grand jury investigating a possible government cover-up in the Oklahoma City bombing has subpoenaed six people to testify on evidence in the case this week, *The Oklahoman* reported.

The six witnesses include two men who claim they saw convicted bomber Timothy McVeigh driving through Oklahoma City on the morning of the bombing, and insist he was not alone.

Kyle Hunt, a banker from Broken Arrow, Okla., has said he saw McVeigh driving a light-colored sedan with two other men inside. He claims they were following a Ryder truck like the one used later that morning to blow up the Alfred P. Murrah federal building, killing 168 people.

David Snider, a warehouse worker, has said he saw McVeigh inside a Ryder truck with one other man shortly before the bombing and they were driving through a downtown area at a snail's pace.

The Oklahoman said both men and four others would testify before the Oklahoma County grand jury starting today, when it meets to consider evidence of an alleged cover-up in the worst bombing attack on U.S. soil.

State officials had tried to block the probe and doubt it will unearth new evidence on the April 19, 1995, blast. But they were forced to impanel a grand jury after 10,600 local residents signed a petition demanding it.

The petition was organized by Glenn Wilburn, who lost two grandsons in the blast, and Republican state legislator Charles Key, who believes federal agents knew the attack was coming and that not all the killers have been caught.

McVeigh was found guilty and sentenced to death by a federal jury in a Denver courtroom last month. Alleged co-conspirator Terry Nichols will go on trial in Denver Sept. 29.

But federal prosecutors have never claimed Nichols was in Oklahoma City on the morning of the blast, so any evidence show-

ing McVeigh was with someone would suggest other people were involved.

Police initially released a sketch of a suspect they called John Doe No. 2, but he was never found. Prosecutors later said the evidence showed McVeigh planted the bomb alone and that only Nichols had helped him plan the attack.

Key is one of the six people scheduled to testify this week before the grand jury, which was convened June 30 and begins its work this morning.

"I am looking forward to going before the grand jury," Key told *The Sunday Oklahoman*. "I am anxious for us to win this battle. We have been fighting so long to reveal the truth."

Key regularly gives talks on the alleged conspiracy to anti-government groups around the country.

The Sunday Oklahoman said the three other men called to testify this week include Dennis Mayhon, a self-proclaimed white separatist who was allegedly plotting a similar attack on the federal building.

It said V.Z. Lawton, a federal employee and bombing survivor, will tell the grand jury about four men he met on the morning of the blast who said they were from the General Services Administration and were doing a routine security check on the building.