

Grand jury begins probe of bombing

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OKLAHOMA CITY – A grand jury on Monday began investigating allegations the Oklahoma City bombing was the result of a larger conspiracy, hearing first from a banker who has said he saw others with Timothy McVeigh before the blast.

Kyle Hunt was before the grand jury for less than an hour. He refused to say what he had told the panel, but when asked if they took him seriously, he replied, "I hope so."

Hunt has said in the past that he saw a Ryder truck and a light-colored sedan near the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building a few minutes before the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people. McVeigh and two other men were in the sedan, and McVeigh turned to glare at him, Hunt has said.

After Hunt left Monday, the second witness, warehouse worker David Snider, arrived carrying a briefcase. Snider said he brought "a tape and a composite sketch."

Snider has said that he saw McVeigh in the passenger seat of Ryder truck several blocks away from



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OKLAHOMA CITY – Larry Dillinger, an investigator for the Oklahoma City district attorney's office, left, escorts Kyle Hunt into the Oklahoma City jail Monday for his appearance before the Oklahoma County grand jury investigating the federal building bombing. Hunt claims he saw Timothy McVeigh and two other people in a car near the Ryder truck shortly before the bomb blast.

the federal building at about the same time as Hunt's sighting.

Although the federal indictment against McVeigh and Terry Nichols alleges they acted with "others unknown," authorities now doubt a larger conspiracy. And they

vehemently deny any foreknowledge of the attack.

McVeigh was convicted and condemned to die last month for federal murder and conspiracy. Nichols' trial on the same charges is set to begin Sept. 29.