

## Witnesses Say McVeigh Not Alone Testimony Places John Doe 2, Another Man With Bomber

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A federal employee injured in the Oklahoma City bombing told Oklahoma County grand jurors Wednesday that she saw convicted bomber Timothy McVeigh with another man minutes after the bombing.

Germaine Johnston, who was working on the seventh floor of the Murrah Building, told The Oklahoman she talked to McVeigh as she ran from the building in search of her husband. Johnston said she saw McVeigh and another man by a yellow Mercury about 15 to 20 minutes after the bombing. McVeigh was driving a yellow Mercury when he was arrested. Johnston said she saw the men in a nearby alley as she ran to find her husband, Ron, who works in the Kerr-McGee building.

*"They were just standing there watching," Johnston said. "He (McVeigh) said, 'A lot of people killed?' " "I said, 'I didn't know.' You know I was in shock. I really hadn't realized it at the time that anybody was killed. "My mind wasn't functioning yet. But that almost snapped me out of it, because it was such a cold question."*

The April 19, 1995, bombing resulted in 168 deaths. McVeigh was convicted in Denver on June 2 and later sentenced to die. Terry Nichols is accused of helping McVeigh build the bomb. His trial is set to begin Sept. 29 in Denver.

None of the three composite drawings released by federal investigators matched the man she saw with McVeigh, she said.

Johnston described the other person as being short and stocky with dark hair. Johnston, 52, an employee of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, was the fourth person to testify Wednesday before the grand jury. She was with the jury for more than an hour at the Oklahoma County jail where the grand jury is meeting.

She said she called the FBI to report what she saw and was interviewed two or three times by federal investigators. Johnston was sitting at her desk at the time of the blast. She said a column protected her from flying debris. Her boss, a secretary and another woman who was within six feet of Johnston were killed, she said. Johnston suffered cuts and ear and eye injuries in the bombing.

Another witness also told grand jurors Wednesday he saw McVeigh and the mysterious John Doe 2.

Dennis Rodney Johnson, 32, was the third witness of the day and testified for two hours and 20 minutes. Johnson said he told jurors he nearly struck the two men with his catering truck as they crossed the intersection of NW 5 and Robinson less than a minute before the explosion.

Johnson said he talked to federal authorities immediately after the bombing and several times before McVeigh's trial. Johnson was living in Oklahoma at the time but since has moved to Grand Prairie, Texas. He said federal authorities told him he was going to be called as a witness in the McVeigh trial. Then in January he was told he would not testify.

*"I know I wasn't called because I would have to testify that I did see John Doe 2. I know I saw John Doe 2,"* Johnson said. He wants the federal government to quit doubting the existence of John Doe 2. Johnson described the man he saw as dark-skinned, about 5 feet 8 inches tall with black hair. He said the man was wearing blue jogging pants, a sweat shirt and jacket.

Vance Dewoody, owner of Opal's Answering Service in Oklahoma City, and Pat Houser, one of Dewoody's employees, were the first two witnesses of the day. They went into the grand jury with an Oklahoma City attorney, Doug Friesen. The three refused to comment as they entered and left the Oklahoma County jail.

Before the bombing, an employee at the answering service claimed to have received a telephone call warning that a bomb was going to explode in the the U.S. Secret Service office in the Murrah Building.

Nineteen people have been before the county grand jury that was convened June 30 to investigate bombing conspiracy theories.

The jury also has received a deposition from another man, Danny Wilkerson, who is seriously ill. Wilkerson owns a convenience store on the first floor of the Regency Tower Apartments, just west of the Murrah Building on NW 5. Wilkerson claims he sold McVeigh a pack of cigarettes and two soft drinks about 10 minutes before the bomb exploded.

He claims another man was sitting in the Ryder truck cab that was waiting outside the store.

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