

## **Ex-Informant Subpoenaed in Bombing Probe, Attorney Says**

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OKLAHOMA CITY - Former federal informant Carol Howe has been subpoenaed to testify next week before the county grand jury investigating the Oklahoma City bombing, her attorney's office said Thursday.

Ms. Howe, who worked as an informant for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, maintains that she told ATF agents before the bombing that she had overheard a white supremacist and a German national discuss plans to bomb a federal building.

The grand jury is investigating allegations of a larger conspiracy and a government cover-up in the April 19, 1995, bombing.

The former Tulsa debutante was acquitted on federal conspiracy and bomb-threat charges in an unrelated case this summer.

During her trial, she testified she overheard talk of blowing up federal buildings during her undercover work at Elohim City, a white separatist community in eastern Oklahoma.

A government agent testified that Ms. Howe was dropped as an informant in March 1995 because of questions about her mental stability. The ATF and FBI briefly renewed her services two months later in hopes she could assist in the bombing investigation.

But the government said Ms. Howe provided no useful information and was no longer used as an informant.

The grand jury reconvenes on Monday after a two-week recess. The panel is expected to meet all of next week, three days the following week, and all of the week after that.

The grand jury was empaneled June 30 after a petition drive by state Rep. Charles Key, R-Oklahoma City, and Glenn Wilburn, an Oklahoma City accountant whose two young grandsons were killed in the blast. Mr. Wilburn died of pancreatic cancer shortly after the panel convened.

About 30 witnesses have testified, including most of the people on a list Mr. Key proffered to the grand jury. Mr. Key says he is preparing a supplemental list that may include as many as 40 or 50 other witnesses.

Mr. Key and Mr. Wilburn contend that the ATF had prior knowledge of the bombing and avoided the federal building on the morning of the blast. They also believe that federal prosecutors have ignored evidence of other conspirators besides Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols.

Mr. McVeigh was convicted June 2 on federal murder and conspiracy charges and given the death penalty. His former Army buddy, Mr. Nichols, is currently on trial on the same charges.