

## 9 say rental truck seen in park before bombing

DENVER (AP) — Nine defense witnesses testified Thursday that they saw a Ryder truck at a Kansas lake in the week before prosecutors contend Terry Nichols and Timothy McVeigh went there to build the Oklahoma City bomb.

In an attempt by the defense to scuttle the prosecution's timeline of when Nichols and McVeigh allegedly built the bomb, the witnesses placed Ryder trucks at the

lake April 10 through April 13, and April 15 through April 17 in 1995.

Some said they also saw pickups and other vehicles and as many as three people near the truck.

Through a vehicle identification number on a piece of a truck found at the bomb site, authorities determined McVeigh picked up a Ryder truck about 4:30 p.m. on April 17, 1995.

Prosecutors called two witnesses earlier in the trial who testified they saw a Ryder truck and a vehicle matching Nichols' pickup at the Geary State Fishing Lake on April 18, 1995 — the day before the bombing.

Georgia Rucker, a Herington, Kan., real estate agent, said she saw a Ryder truck parked in the same spot at Geary Lake from April 10 to April 13 in 1995. She has

never seen one there again.

She also said she sold Nichols his frame house in Herington for \$25,000. He submitted a \$2,629.40 cash down payment and had monthly payments of \$263.14.

Sharon White then told jurors she saw a man she believed to be McVeigh riding in a Ryder truck as it passed her house on the afternoon of April 13, 1995.