

SHOOTOUT FIGURE IMPLICATES BROTHER IN FEDERAL BOMBING BUT HE DOESN'T MENTION OKLA. CITY BLAST; FBI CHECKS OUT RELATED STORY

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WILMINGTON, Ohio -- One of the brothers caught on videotape in a shootout with police told a court Tuesday his brother was involved in the bombing of a federal building.

"At this point, I do have knowledge that my brother was involved in the bombing of a federal building," Cheyne Kehoe, 21, told a judge before he was sentenced to 24 1 / 2 years in prison for his part in the shootout. He did not elaborate on the comments about his brother Chevie Kehoe, 24, nor make any mention of the Oklahoma City bombing.

Cheyne Kehoe was convicted earlier this month of one count of attempted murder, two charges of felonious assault and one of carrying a concealed weapon for the shootout in Wilmington last year.

The FBI last week confirmed it was investigating a report in the Spokesman-Review newspaper in Spokane, Wash., that Chevie Kehoe told a motel manager there he wanted to watch television the morning of the Oklahoma City bombing because he expected something major to happen.

The unidentified motel manager quoted Chevie Kehoe as saying, "It was about time" when the first reports came in about the federal building bombing April 19, 1995.

The manager, who no longer works for the motel, told authorities that he believes Chevie stayed at the motel with Timothy McVeigh, the convicted Oklahoma City bomber, a few months before the bombing. He said Kehoe introduced a man fitting McVeigh's description as "Tim," according to the newspaper's account.