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Kehoe implicates brother in bombing

Cheyne Kehoe says he has knowledge of Chevie's role in attack on a federal building

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Cheyne Kehoe implicated his older brother Chevie Kehoe on Tuesday in the bombing of a federal building.

The disclosure came a week after a motel manager said he saw Chevie Kehoe at a Spokane motel with a man he believes was Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh.

"At this point, I do have knowledge of my brother's involvement in the bombing of a federal building," Cheyne Kehoe said after being sentenced to 24 years in prison for a shootout with police in Ohio.

Cheyne Kehoe, 21, wouldn't elaborate or say whether his 24-year-old brother

was involved in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

Defense attorney Jeff Hoskins said the younger Kehoe told him several weeks ago that Chevie Kehoe was involved in a bombing.

"Cheyne Kehoe told me the first day of my representation of him that he had knowledge in regards to his brother's involvement in the bombing of a federal building," Hoskins said.

He also didn't elaborate.

Last week, the former manager of The Shadows Motel & RV Park in Spokane said he saw Chevie Kehoe with a man resembling McVeigh about four to six



Cheyne Kehoe



Chevie Kehoe

months before the Oklahoma City bombing.

Cheyne Kehoe introduced the man as

Tim and asked the manager to give him a complimentary motel room for two or three days.

The manager said he was 75 percent certain McVeigh was the stranger who stayed at the Spokane motel. The FBI said it had no evidence that McVeigh had ever been in Spokane.

The Washington Post has reported that McVeigh visited Randy "Veaver's" cabin in North Idaho sometime before the bombing.

On Tuesday, the manager said he doesn't believe Cheyne Kehoe was staying at The Shadows, 9025 N. Division, when the man resembling McVeigh showed up.

Cheyne Kehoe was at the motel briefly with his family in the fall of 1994, the manager recalled.

"It doesn't surprise me at all," the manager said when told Cheyne Kehoe implicated his brother in a bombing.

"There's a lot more here than people comprehend," he said. "It's a lot bigger than people know, and I believe Chevie's in the middle of a lot of it."

For a time in 1995 and 1996, the Spokane motel was a hangout for neo-Nazi skinheads, white separatists and at least one federal prison escapee.

One skinhead who stayed there was

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murdered, and another is missing and presumed murdered.

McVeigh was sentenced to death after being convicted last June of carrying out the truck bombing that killed 168 people. Co-conspirator Terry Nichols awaits sentencing.

The Kehoe brothers, who lived in Colville and Spokane, were charged with attempted murder in Ohio for a February 1997 gunbattle caught on police videotape.

After the Ohio shooting, the brothers eluded a nationwide manhunt for four months before Cheyne Kehoe drove from Cedar City, Utah, to Colville.

He surrendered to the Stevens County sheriff on June 16 and provided the FBI with detailed information on his fugitive brother's whereabouts.

Cheyne Kehoe was arrested the next day in southern Utah by FBI agents.

Paint from the truck Cheyne Kehoe drove to Colville was scientifically matched to the paint found on duct tape

wrapped on the bodies of a gun dealer, a woman and an 8-year-old girl who were murdered in Arkansas in 1996.

Cheyne Kehoe has been charged in connection with those killings.

Spokane attorney John Rodgers, who represented Cheyne Kehoe after his arrest in Colville, said the younger Kehoe has provided federal agents with accurate information in the past.

"Everything I've seen so far from Cheyne is credible or else they would have dumped him," Rodgers said.

Cheyne Kehoe helped federal prosecutors in Arkansas develop a racketeering case against Chevie Kehoe that includes the three murders. Those prosecutors testified in

Cheyne Kehoe's behalf at his Ohio sentencing.

Rodgers said he couldn't ethically discuss what Cheyne had told him.

Cheyne Kehoe cooperated with authorities because he apparently feared his brother and worried about talk to kill their father and steal his gun collection, law enforcement officials said.

Cheyne Kehoe was sentenced in Wilmington, Ohio, on Tuesday for the Ohio shootout. Chevie Kehoe awaits trial for the same shooting. He is to be arraigned today in U.S. District Court in Little Rock, Ark., on federal racketeering charges.