

Affidavit of Virgil Steele Regarding The Bombing Of
The Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building

State of Oklahoma)
) SS:
County of Grady)

I, affiant herein, being of legal age, and having been duly sworn, does hereby state as follows:

- 1) That my date of birth is January 11th, 1959.
- 2) That I am a resident of Grady County, State of Oklahoma.
- 3) That on April 19, 1995, I was employed by Mid- Western Elevator Company.
- 4) That I have been employed in the elevator trade for eight years.
- 5) That my duties with Mid-Western Elevator Company included servicing and inspecting elevators at The Federal Court complex, including the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.
- 6) That on the morning of the bombing I was inspecting an elevator at the 2000 Classen Center when the explosion occurred.
- 7) That after I heard the explosion I immediately went to the parking lot of the 2000 Classen Building to get into my vehicle and drive downtown.
- 8) That while in the parking lot of the 2000 Classen Building, I looked towards the downtown area and observed a projectile with a trail of smoke behind it streaking through the air in a southeasterly direction from the downtown area.
- 9) That I arrived at The Murrah Building at approximately 9:07am and entered the building from the south side.
- 10) That upon entering the building it was my job to access all of the elevators and determine whether or not there were any victims trapped in the elevators.
- 11) That the elevators in the building had been shut off electrically with no safeties set and no governors set and upon searching all of the elevators in the building, I found no victims trapped in the elevators and began searching through the rubble in an attempt to rescue victims.
- 12) That while attempting to rescue victims I observed agents from the ATF and the FBI stepping over and going around victims who were partially covered in rubble to pick up files and look at the files.
- 13) That approximately an hour and a half to two hours after I arrived on the scene, someone ordered everyone to evacuate the building because someone stated that they had found a bomb in the building.
- 14) That I did not evacuate the building and continued to look for victims in the day care center during the evacuation.
- 15) That there were law enforcement personnel from the ATF, A law enforcement Bomb Squad and officers from the Oklahoma City Police Department in the building during the evacuation.

- 16) That approximately twenty five minutes after the building was evacuated, someone announced that the building was clear and the rescue effort was continued.
- 17) That after the evacuation I observed personnel from a law enforcement bomb squad remove a silver canister from the building and place it in a bomb squad disposal box.
- 18) That approximately an hour after the first evacuation I was on the mezzanine level on the south side of the building when someone stated that another bomb had been found in the building and the building was evacuated again.
- 19) That after the second evacuation, and after I went back into the building, I observed a devise being removed from the building by a law enforcement bomb squad.
- 20) That I assisted in attempting to rescue victims until approximately 5:00pm that day.
- 21) That during the next two days, April 20th and April 21st., I assisted in getting the passenger and freight elevators in working order.
- 22) That from either the third or fourth day of the rescue attempt until the building was imploded I was an attendant in a freight elevator and worked 12 hour shifts and was responsible for operating the elevators and assisting in the cleanup process.
- 23) That while operating the elevator during the cleanup process I assisted agents from the ATF and other agencies in removing weapons from the building.
- 24) That I have worked in demolition for Thompsons Construction and Midwest Wrecking Company.
- 25) That I have attended various guns shows and consider myself to be knowledgeable in weapons.
- 26) That from my knowledge of weapons and explosives, I observed and assisted the ATF in removing AR 15 and M 16 assault rifles, several different varieties of hand guns, hand grenades, boxes that were marked "explosives", C4 plastic explosives and at least 3 anti-tank missiles or shoulder/hip-type rocket launchers and thousands of rounds of ammunition.
- 27) That I observed ATF agents hand carry 3 anti-tank missiles into the elevator and these missiles were taken to the parking garage of the building.
- 28) That I observed large amounts of cash being removed from the building.

FURTHER, AFFIANT SAYETH NOT:

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SUBSCRIBED TO AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THE 22nd DAY OF June, 1998

Notary Public
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