

ATF Informant Appears At Grand Jury Again

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Testimony before the Oklahoma County grand jury investigating the Oklahoma City bombing once again Monday apparently focused on a former undercover informant for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Conflicting stories by former ATF informant Carol Howe are at the center of some claims that the government had prior knowledge about the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Howe contends she warned her ATF supervisor, Angela Graham, about talk of bombing a federal building by residents of Elohim City, a white separatist community in eastern Oklahoma.

The government says Howe's information was not specific enough to act on.

Tulsa attorney Clark Brewster told *The Oklahoman* he hopes the grand jury gets to the truth surrounding the Oklahoma City bombing. Although, he said "a lot was left unsaid" Monday when his client Dave Roberts, the former agent-in-charge of the Tulsa ATF office, testified.

Brewster also represented Howe before the grand jury twice and during a federal trial where she was acquitted on unrelated bombing charges. He denied there was any conflict in representing both Roberts and Howe.

"Carol Howe told the truth. Dave Roberts told the truth," Brewster said. "I don't believe their testimony contradicted in any manner." He refused to be specific on his clients' testimony.

Brewster and attorney Sam Cox appeared with Roberts before the grand jury for about two hours. Roberts, now assigned to the Dallas ATF office, had no comment. Roberts supervised Graham, who was assigned to Howe when she worked for the bureau from August 1994 to March 1995. Howe was deactivated because of mental instability, agency officials have said.

Graham made her second appearance Monday before the grand jury investigating a broader conspiracy in the April 19, 1995, bombing. The explosion resulted in the deaths of 168 people. Richard O'Carroll, Graham's attorney, reiterated his earlier statement that Howe's stories are "damnable lies."

"Elohim City and the Murrah Building are not related - never have been related," O'Carroll said Monday.

Brewster said Graham testified twice that Howe had given her information about blowing up federal buildings. BIOG: NAME: UPD:

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