

Bombing Grand Jury Told of Bomb Threat Site Not Named, Witness Says

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A former 911 operator in Oklahoma City who took a call about a bomb threat 10 days before the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building explosion testified Thursday before the Oklahoma County grand jury.

Calena Groves, who now works in the Oklahoma City Police Department's downtown office, said although the caller talked about a bombing, he never said where it would occur.

"He did not say federal building," Groves said.

State Rep. Charles Key and his Oklahoma Bombing Investigation Committee have given the grand jury documents stating that Groves received a call from a man in the downtown area who said he had overheard someone planning to bomb a federal building.

The document states that the caller mentioned the names of two people who may have made the threats.

When Key's claim about the call was read to her, Groves said, "Some of it's accurate, and some of it's not."

Groves said police had no way to tell if those people made the threats. She confirmed a patrol officer was sent to check out the call.

Thursday's first witness was Oklahoma City police Lt. Greg Appleton. Appleton brought police records pertaining to the call. He was with the jury about 45 minutes.

Key, R-Oklahoma City, has turned over four lists of about 150 potential witnesses to the grand jury investigating a conspiracy in the bombing, which resulted in 168 deaths.

Key spearheaded the petition drive that convened the grand jury on June 30.

Convicted bomber Timothy McVeigh, 29, was sentenced to death in the April 19, 1995, bombing. Conspirator Terry Nichols, 42, is awaiting sentencing. BIOG: NAME: UPD:

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