

Oklahoma City Bombing Not a Conspiracy, FBI Says

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Danny Defenbaugh, who led the FBI task force that investigated the Oklahoma City bombing, says there is no larger conspiracy behind the worst act of terrorism on U.S. soil.

Defenbaugh said Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols alone committed the bombing and there is no evidence of an unidentified bombing suspect, a foreign link or a government conspiracy.

“On their face, the conspiracy theories, every one of them, are nonsensical,” he said. “There is not one investigative lead that we were given or we developed that we did not thoroughly investigate.”

Defenbaugh gave a detailed account of the \$82.5 million investigation into the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in interviews published in Sunday editions of The Daily Oklahoman and the Tulsa World.

Conspiracy theories have led to an investigation by an Oklahoma County grand jury, which has searched for a conspiracy link for 17 months and heard from 117 witnesses.

The April 19, 1995, truck bombing killed 168 persons and injured hundreds more.

Defenbaugh said computer databases were used to track the actions of McVeigh, Nichols and witness Michael Fortier.

He said agents collected 13.2 million hotel-motel records from Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, New Mexico and north Texas and were able to use those to track the men's movements prior to the attack.

Those records, along with 6.3 million records from Ryder truck rentals, were analyzed in two of the 26 databases created to determine whether there was a connection among the three, Defenbaugh said.

All told, he said, agents checked about 43,500 leads.

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Actually, the federal indictment against McVeigh describes a “criminal conspiracy” between Timothy McVeigh, Terry Nichols, and “others unknown.” In a preliminary hearing Apr 28 1995,

OK FBI agent Jon Hersley testified under oath concerning the criminal conspiracy, concerning witnesses who saw McVeigh in his vehicle with another person, and testified about videotape evidence in the FBI's possession that others were involved.

Even by the standard of the official narrative – that McVeigh and Nichols, with some help from Fortier – planned and executed the attacks, this would be by definition a conspiracy. A conspiracy is when more than one person work together—conspire-- to carry out a criminal act.

The OKC bombing is then by definition a conspiracy.

This report is merely public relations—it's Danny Defenbaugh running defense for the FBI in a story centered around trashing the Oklahoma County grand jury empanelled in 1997 to investigate the bombing.