

## Author Says He's Named in Indictment - Charges Related to Grand Jury Inquiry Into Oklahoma City Bombing

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A man said Friday he is the person indicted on charges of attempting to influence the grand jury that investigated the Oklahoma City bombing and won't surrender until he talks with prosecutors.

David Hoffman told the Tulsa World he is on a deferred sentence on a stalking charge and was concerned that the new indictment could result in a lengthy jail stay in Oklahoma County.

"If I can't work out some reasonable terms with the district attorney, I am not surrendering," the Oklahoma City man told the newspaper.

The Oklahoma County grand jury's 18-month investigation into the bombing led to one sealed indictment Wednesday and the rejection of one after another conspiracy theory that has persisted since the April 19, 1995, explosion that killed 168 people.

The grand jury said that after hearing 117 witnesses and examining thousands of exhibits, "we can state with assurance that we do not believe that the federal government had prior knowledge that this horrible terrorist attack was going to happen."

Mr. Hoffman, author of *The Oklahoma City Bombing and The Politics of Terror*, told the World he was indicted on charges that he sent copies of his book to jurors during their investigation. Mr. Hoffman would not say whether the allegation was true.

His book deals with various conspiracy theories and allegations of the federal government having prior knowledge of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing.

The grand jury earlier complained of one or more people who "took the outrageous step of anonymously contacting one or more of our members at their homes." The jury said it was offended by "improper and perhaps illegal attempts to exert influence on the outcome of our investigation."

"The jurors are not good people," Mr. Hoffman said. "If they were good people, they would have returned more indictments. This is the biggest government cover-up since the Kennedy assassination."

The grand jurors also found no credible evidence that the bombing was linked to white supremacists or foreign terrorists, and they found no additional conspirators.

"For them to render a decision like this is absolutely ludicrous. For them to indict a reporter is insane," Mr. Hoffman said. "When they talk about jury tampering, who has had more influence - me or the district attorney's office or the judge?"

District Judge William R. Burkett, who supervised the grand jury, said that the report will satisfy many who had serious questions about the bombing events, but worried that "others will simply now include these jurors as the newest members of the conspiracy."

The grand jury called on District Attorney Bob Macy to carry through with his plans to bring state murder charges in the bombing. Mr. Macy has said he will charge Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, who have been convicted on federal charges.