

## **NICHOLS' LAWYERS: 13 DOCUMENTS NOT GIVEN TO DEFENSE - JUDGE HAS RAISED POSSIBILITY OF DISMISSING CHARGES IN OKLAHOMA**

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Terry Nichols' attorneys say more than a dozen FBI documents that raise the possibility of accomplices in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing weren't turned over by state prosecutors or the federal government for Nichols' murder trial defense.

The documents, cited in a recent series of Associated Press articles, include two 1990s teletypes from then-FBI Director Louis Freeh's office citing possible connections between Timothy McVeigh and a gang of white supremacist bank robbers, the lawyers said.

Nichols, already in federal prison, began trial this month on Oklahoma state murder charges alleging he assisted McVeigh in building the deadly bomb. The judge has said he will dismiss the charges with prejudice - making it very hard for prosecutors to resurrect the case - if Nichols' lawyers can prove documents that could have aided their defense were withheld.

Under a Supreme Court ruling, prosecutors and the government are obligated to turn over to defense lawyers all materials that bear on a defendant's case.

Nichols' attorneys reviewed the materials cited in the AP story. They identified 13 FBI documents and a handful of other materials they say the prosecution failed to disclose.

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