

## **Oklahoma City prosecutor want to limit inmate's testimony on possible bank-robber accomplices**

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Prosecutors in Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols' state murder trial want to block a death row inmate's testimony that white supremacist bank robbers were involved in the deadly blast.

A motion was filed Tuesday to limit the testimony of David Paul Hammer, who is expected to testify for the defense at Nichols' trial on 161 counts of murder for the 1995 bombing.

Nichols' defense attorneys claim co-conspirator Timothy McVeigh had substantial help from others in staging the bombing and that Nichols was set up to take the blame.

Hammer is expected to testify that McVeigh told him that there were other accomplices. McVeigh was executed in 2001.

Assistant District Attorney Lou Keel said Hammer's testimony should not be used to show that McVeigh had help from members of the Aryan Republican Army.

Keel's motion argues that Hammer's testimony should only be used to challenge the testimony of prosecution witness Michael Fortier, who says McVeigh told him Nichols was involved in the bombing.

No hearing is scheduled on the motion. Opening statements in the trial are scheduled Monday.

Nichols, 48, is already serving a life sentence on federal convictions for the deaths of eight law enforcement officers. The state murder charges cover the 160 other victim's and one victim's fetus.

Hammer, a former Oklahoma prisoner, is scheduled to be executed June 8 for murdering a prison cellmate.