

Nichols' trial witnesses from Bullhead City, Fort Mojave, Kingman and Golden Valley sought

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KINGMAN -- Thirteen could be an unlucky number for Mohave County residents who may have to testify at Terry Nichols' murder trial now taking place in Oklahoma.

Nichols is charged with the murder of 161 people in Oklahoma City in the 1995 bombing. He could face the death penalty if convicted. The trial in Oklahoma court began in March.

Nichols' attorneys have enlisted county Public Defender Dana Hlavac's aid in subpoenaing 13 local witnesses for the defense.

If the witnesses refuse to testify without a good reason, Mohave County Superior Court Judge Steven Conn could issue a subpoena in a hearing April 16 ordering them to testify at Nichols' trial.

The witnesses are expected to testify about their relationship with Nichols' co-conspirator Timothy McVeigh.

Billie Jo Stanley of Bullhead City is one of the witnesses that may be subpoenaed to testify, according to Superior Court documents.

Stanley was the former girlfriend of Steve Colbern, a friend of McVeigh and who was also a suspect of the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, court documents state.

Colbern reportedly occupied caves in the Arizona desert where he stashed weapons and supplies. Colbern also made statements describing his knowledge of bomb making and his desire to blow up federal buildings, court documents state.

Another witness, Richard Coffman of Fort Mojave was reportedly a leader of the National Alliance and who spoke with McVeigh before the bombing about anti-government views, court documents state.

Joyce Cadima also of Fort Mojave reportedly rented a storage unit to Colbern, court documents state.

Les Hart of Kingman reportedly traded McVeigh blasting caps for cannon fuse. Hart reportedly disposed of the blasting caps in the desert then later gave them to the FBI after the Oklahoma City bombing, court documents state.

Two Kingman men, William Singleton who owned State Security where McVeigh once worked and Larry Chapman who was McVeigh's supervisor at State Security are also witnesses being sought by the defense.

Golden Valley resident Mac McCarty is another witness being sought. He once taught a gun class and knew McVeigh.

Another witness is a woman who worked in a Kingman photo copy business. She is expected to testify how McVeigh made copies of anti-government literature and articles about the Waco standoff, court documents state.

Other witnesses are neighbors of Michael Fortier who was an associate of McVeigh.

McVeigh was convicted of killing 168 people after driving a rental truck that exploded in April 19, 1995 destroying the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. McVeigh was executed in 2001.

Nichols, 49, is already serving a life sentence after being convicted in federal court of manslaughter in the deaths of seven federal agents.

McVeigh lived and worked in Kingman and Golden Valley for several months prior to the explosion. It is believed Nichols had also lived with McVeigh for a time in Kingman.