

Defense names 13 Arizona witnesses - Nichols is seeking testimony from some who knew McVeigh.

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Terry Nichols is seeking testimony from 13 witnesses from Arizona, including a power-line inspector who found a note written by Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh in 1994.

In the note, found in the California desert, McVeigh wrote, "I'm not looking for talkers, I'm looking for FIGHTERS."

The defense witnesses are named in court documents filed in Kingman, Ariz. Jurors in Nichols' state murder trial had Friday off. Testimony resumes Monday.

Nichols contends he was set up to take the blame for the 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building. He contends others - not him - helped McVeigh.

His attorneys allege in legal filings that the others may include survivalist Steven Colbern.

"Evidence connects Mr. Colbern to Mr. McVeigh in the months before the bombing," defense attorneys wrote.

Colbern stashed weapons and supplies in caves in the Arizona desert and "described his knowledge of bomb-making and his desire to blow up federal buildings," the attorneys wrote.

Defense attorneys believe the note - found Nov. 30, 1994 - was an attempt to recruit Colbern. It was written to "S.C."

The defense witnesses include Billie Jo Stanley, who is identified as Colbern's former girlfriend, and Donald Pipins, the lineman who found the note intended for Colbern on a utility pole.

The witnesses also include Joyce Cadima, who rented a storage unit to Colbern. In the storage locker in Bullhead City, Ariz., Colbern had gas masks and several books and publications dealing with bomb construction and survivalist activities, according to FBI documents.

State prosecutors have said they investigated Colbern and do not consider him a suspect.

Defense attorneys also want jurors to hear from James Rosencrans of Kingman, Ariz.

"Sometime before the Oklahoma City bombing, Mr. McVeigh asked Mr. Rosencrans to drive Mr. McVeigh somewhere, drop him off and then abandon Mr. McVeigh's car at an airport," the defense attorneys wrote.

Rosencrans was a neighbor of Michael Fortier, the key prosecution witness in the bombing case.

Fortier is serving a 12-year prison sentence for never warning anyone about the bombing and other crimes.

Defense attorneys wrote another witness will testify McVeigh tried to recruit her into an anti-government group.

Attorneys identified the witness, Noel Leith-Wilcox, as working at an Arizona photocopying business where "McVeigh would copy anti-government literature."