

Witnesses recall McVeigh at scene

McAlester, Okla. — A former federal worker testified Thursday she came face-to-face with Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and another man minutes after the explosion. Germaine Johnston, a former Department of Housing and Urban Development branch chief, and two other witnesses at the state trial for bombing conspirator Terry Nichols described seeing McVeigh with a man before and after the blast that killed 168 people. Their testimony is part of a defense strategy to suggest the conspiracy to bomb the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building was wider than prosecutors allege, and that McVeigh received substantial help from other co-conspirators.