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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

JESSE C. TRENTADUE,

Plaintiff,

VS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY, and UNITED STATES CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF DON BROWNING

Case No.: 2:08cv788 CW Judge Clark Waddoups Chief Magistrate Samuel Alba

1. I am currently retired from the Oklahoma City Police Department.

However, during the time period of 1990 until after the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma I was a member of the Oklahoma City Police Department.

- 2. During the early 1990's, I was part of the Department's "Solo Motorcycle Squad." Part of my duties as a motorcycle patrol officer was to provide security for the President and Vice President of the United States of America, and others under the protection of the United States Secret Service, if and when they visited Oklahoma City. My specific duties involved protecting the "motorcade" carrying these federal officials.
- 3. In carrying out these duties, I worked with the Secret Service, which had its offices in the Murrah Federal Building. I, in fact, received briefings and training from the Secret Service with respect to providing security for those motorcades and federal officials.
- 4. After that training, we were usually allowed a courtesy tour of the facilities which would involved a review of the surveillance cameras at the Murrah Federal Building, including the cameras mounted on the exterior of the Building. This walk through was conducted by a Secret Service Agent and included a visit to the offices of the Federal Protective Services, which I understood to be responsible for providing law enforcement and security services to the Murrah Federal Building.
- 5. The offices the Federal Protective Services were located in the United States Courthouse. While in the offices of the Federal Protective Services, I was shown the television cameras monitoring the entrances to the Murrah Federal Building and the videotape decks on which the images from those cameras were recorded. Those cameras

showed, in real time, the entrances to the Murrah Building as well as NW 5th Street, which the Building faced.

- 6. On April 19, 1995, I was part of the Oklahoma City Police

 Department's "K-9 Unit." Shortly after the bomb exploded that day destroying the

 Murrah Federal Building, my dog "Gunny" and I were on scene assisting in the location
 and rescue of people trapped by the debris from the blast.
- 7. While assisting in the rescue of a woman trapped in the rubble, "Gunny and I were ordered out of the Building by an FBI agent. The other non-federal rescuers were also ordered to leave the Building with me, which I thought was strange given the carnage and need to move quickly in hopes of locating and hopefully saving more victims trapped by the blast.
- 8. That same morning, I observed men wearing jackets with "FBI" printed on the back removing the surveillance video cameras from the exterior of the Murrah Federal Building. I thought this was part of the FBI's evidence gathering or "chain of custody" procedures since those exterior cameras would have shown and recorded delivery of the bomb in a Ryder truck that morning as well as the person or persons who exited that truck.
- 9. I knew from my training and experience as a police officer that an investigation of the bombing and prosecution of those involved would require not only preserving the videotapes of the event but also require preserving the cameras and tape

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decks by which those videotapes were made. Nevertheless, I did think it odd that the FBI's removal of those cameras was taking place while many people were still trapped alive in the rubble of the Murrah Federal Building and so many of us were working desperately to find them.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information stated above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

EXECUTED on this day // of February, 2010 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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