

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Precedence:** IMMEDIATE

**Date:** 04/01/2005

**To:** Counterterrorism

**Attn:** DTOU

Kansas City  
Denver

**Attn:** SA [redacted]

**Attn:** SSA [redacted]

Oklahoma City  
Detroit

**Attn:** JTTF Supervisor

**Attn:** SSRA [redacted]

Flint RA

SSRA [redacted]

Bay City RA

SSRA [redacted]

Macomb County RA

SRA [redacted]

Marquette RA

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**From:** Detroit

SAC Squad

**Contact:** ASAC [redacted]

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**Approved By:** [redacted]

**Drafted By:** [redacted]

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**Case ID #:** 266A-DE-97705 -1

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**Title:** [redacted]

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OO: DETROIT

**Synopsis:** This communication predicates the opening of a preliminary inquiry on captioned subjects; [redacted] convicted in the bombing of the Alfred Murrah Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**Administrative:** Telcal between SA [redacted] Kansas City Division and ASAC [redacted] on 04/01/05; Telcal between SAC [redacted] Denver Division and ASAC [redacted] on 04/01/05.

**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed for Counterterrorism Division are two facsimiles to Detroit from Kansas City. One with EC 174C-OC-56120 serial 11074 and 1A 10639; the second 1A contents with agent notes and e-mail letter to office of Congressman William Delahunt.

To: Counterterrorism From: Detroit  
Re: 266A-DE-97705, 04/01/2005

**Details:** In early March, 2005, Detroit Division received a complaint call from a [redacted] who identified himself as a consultant to an attorney from Hancock, Michigan, and [redacted] of a company named [redacted]. [redacted] provided information allegedly received from [redacted], an [redacted] in Florence, Colorado. [redacted] has allegedly been in contact with inmate Terry Nichols, convicted in the bombing in Oklahoma City. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] possessed information from Nichols, regarding a future potential act of domestic terrorism.

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Subsequent to receipt of this letter, Detroit Division, Marquette RA SA [redacted] contacted SSA [redacted] Colorado Springs RA, Denver Division. SSA [redacted] was already aware of two allegations and was, at the moment, arranging for direct contact with [redacted]. [redacted] was in Colorado at the time and also in touch with FBI, Denver. Detroit thereafter deferred to Denver to followup with this potential source. Information now available indicates [redacted] and was reasonably deemed non-credible by Denver Division. More specific information on this interaction is left to the discretion of Denver.

On 04/01/05, Detroit was contacted by the Kansas City Division and was provided information indicating a search of Terry Nichols' prior residence, 102 South 2nd Avenue, Herrington, Kansas, had yielded the discovery of explosive materials.

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[redacted] had also provided information indicating [redacted] (Terry Nichols), had one or more brothers who are not incarcerated and either will be the perpetrator(s) of an act of domestic terrorism, or have knowledge of the prospective perpetrators and their planned action.

Background information on [redacted] is as follows:

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DOB:  
Address:

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Re: 266A-DE-97705, 04/01/2005

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Action)

DENVER

AT COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Will maintain contact with [redacted] and [redacted] and provide pertinent interview results to DTOU and Detroit Division.

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Set Lead 2: (Action)

DENVER

AT COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Will, through coordination with [redacted]

Set Lead 3: (Action)

Referral/Consult

DENVER

AT COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Will provide [redacted]

Set Lead 4: (Info)

KANSAS CITY

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

For information.

Set Lead 5: (Info)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT DTOU

For information.

Set Lead 6: (Action)

To: Counterterrorism From: Detroit  
Re: 266A-DE-97705, 04/01/2005

DETROIT

AT FLINT, MICHIGAN

Will open preliminary inquiry as shown and conduct logical investigation.

Set Lead 7: (Action)

DETROIT

AT FLINT, MICHIGAN

[redacted] Will immediately locate and interview [redacted]  
[redacted] Terry Nichols.

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Set Lead 8: (Action)

DETROIT

AT MOUNT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN

Will coordinate surveillance to locate and interview [redacted] Michigan.

Set Lead 9: (Action)

DETROIT

AT MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

Will locate and immediately interview [redacted]  
regarding his involvement in this matter.

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**URGENT REPORT**  
**DETROIT DIVISION**

**Date:** 04/03/2005  
**To:** Urgent Reports  
**From:** Detroit  
**Contact Name:** ASAC [redacted]  
**Subject(s):** [redacted]  
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266A-DE-97705

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**Description of Matter:**

This is a follow-up to an urgent report submitted on Friday 04/01/05, captioned as above.

Specific new information is contained at the end of this report, pertaining to interview of [redacted].  
[redacted] It should be noted that the original URGENT report indicated [redacted] had previously been interviewed in Denver division. [redacted] advised Detroit SAs this was not the case [redacted] had been in Denver at the time, but was not interviewed at the time.

Detroit Division has predicated a new domestic terrorism investigation on subjects [redacted] Terry Nichols, convicted in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. {266A-DE-97705}

In early March, 2005 [redacted] telephoned the FBI office in Detroit, and thereafter forwarded a facsimile, with information concerning [redacted]

[redacted] identified himself as a consultant to an attorney in Hancock, Michigan. This attorney had previously represented [redacted]. The fax provided consisted of a letter to [redacted] office of Congressman William Delahunt, Washington, D.C. Both the fax, and oral information provided by [redacted]

[redacted] The letter further advised of [redacted] belief a letter to a Congressman would elicit a good faith response, more so than a letter just to the FBI. [redacted] had provided [redacted] and another associate, [redacted] information indicating [redacted] had been in touch with [redacted] for a number of months whom he [redacted] was a domestic terrorist, has one or more brothers who are not incarcerated and either will be the perpetrators of an act of terrorism, or have knowledge of the prospective perpetrators and the nature of their planned action. Based on the contents of the letter and other known facts, [redacted]

[redacted]

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SA [redacted] Detroit Division, Marquette RA, attempted to immediately locate and interview [redacted] in Hancock, Michigan. Through coordination with SSA [redacted] in Denver Division, Colorado Springs RA, it was learned Denver was aware of the allegations and immediately responding. Interview of [redacted] was conducted by Denver SAs.

During this same time period, on 03/14/05 SA [redacted] Jacksonville Division, authored an EC to Kansas City, Denver, and CTD {174-OC-56120, serial 11074}, which detailed debrief of [redacted] the information provided by [redacted] concerning [redacted] [redacted] source of information. This EC more specifically detailed information concerning a cache of weapons located at the former residence of Terry Nichols, 109 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Herrington, Kansas.

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On 04/01/05, Detroit Division was contacted by SAs in Kansas City Division, and advised a search of this location was ongoing and initial indications confirmed the existence of such a cache of explosive materials [redacted] Detroit was requested to attempt to immediately locate Nichols' brothers, and conduct interviews.

Thereafter, SAs of the Flint RA, located and interviewed [redacted] Michigan [redacted] was cooperative with the FBI [redacted] advised he has not had contact with [redacted] Terry since a phone call approximately two months ago, and most recently saw [redacted] on Easter Sunday. He provided a phone number and location of [redacted] [redacted] denied any knowledge of any explosives or weapons relating to [redacted] indicating [redacted] were no longer close. [redacted] did not know [redacted] nor had he recently traveled or planned to soon travel to Kansas City. He was completely unfamiliar with any of the information provided by [redacted] and remains available for recontact.

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Shortly thereafter [redacted] was located at [redacted] Michigan. [redacted] was much more combative, and by the time he was located, he was aware through media reports of the FBI's search of the Herrington, KS location [redacted] confirmed he had spoken to Terry within the past few months but denied any knowledge of any explosives. He openly berated FBI SAs on scene for locating explosives in Terry's former residence after such a lengthy period of time. [redacted] refused detailed interview, but also denied knowledge of [redacted]

Late Friday 04/01/05, Detroit division SAs interviewed [redacted] in Hancock, Michigan. Upon their arrival [redacted] questioned the SAs as to the purpose of this visit, since the entire matter had been outlined in his most recent letter to Congressman Rohrbacher. [redacted] proclaimed the FBI's attempt to interview him was insincere stating this entire episode is a conspiracy by the FI to protect the careers of its managers. He went on to imply the NYO of the FBI, and former AUSA, [redacted] had conspired to discredit [redacted] in order to protect convictions of OC figures over the past several years. [redacted] contended [redacted] Gregory Scarpa, Sr., was a long time FBI informant, involved in a criminal conspiracy with his then FBI handler.

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The interview of [redacted] revealed little new information regarding any plot to

commit a domestic terrorism act on the anniversary of 04/19. Much of his time answering questions was spent criticizing the FBI for not following up on [redacted] information in a more timely manner. [redacted] has no first hand information to indicate [redacted] were about to conduct an act of domestic terrorism, though this is his supposition. [redacted] had similarly unkind words for the FBI polygrapher who conducted an examination of [redacted] [redacted] advised he has dedicated himself to investigations of FBI misconduct, especially involving FBI investigations of Organized Crime. The full text of the interview will be made available to DTOU on Monday 04/04/05.

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Subsequent to the interview [redacted] faxed information to the interviewing SAs, indicating he has spoken to the media regarding these events. One page of this fax included a copy of an interview he conducted in February 2004, with a local newspaper. In this article [redacted] is quoted as stating: "I'll be honest, I want nothing more than to bring the FBI into complete disrepute. We live in a country governed by the politics of fear". Notwithstanding these comments, Interviewing SAs were able to establish some rapport with [redacted] and leave the door open for additional contacts.

Investigation continuing.



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Date: 04/04/2005

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: DTQH  
SA [redacted]  
ASSA [redacted]

Kansas City  
Denver

Attn: SA [redacted]  
Attn: SSA [redacted]  
Colorado Springs RA

Oklahoma City  
Detroit

Attn: JTTF Supervisor  
Attn: SSRA [redacted]  
Bay City RA  
SSRA [redacted]  
Macomb RA  
SRA [redacted]  
Marquette RA

From: Detroit  
CT-4/FLRA  
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: JM [redacted] :dms Dms

Case ID #: 266A-DE-97705-7 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]

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Handwritten notes: Assign SA [redacted] FLRA 04/05/05 (29)

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Synopsis: Cover lead set at Flint, Michigan, and open and assign preliminary inquiry.

Preliminary Investigation Initiated: 04/01/2005, set to expire 07/01/2005.

Reference: 266A-DE-97705 Serial 1

Administrative: Telcal between ASAC [redacted] and SSRA [redacted] on 04/01/05.

Enclosure(s): FD-302 [redacted] original notes, Michigan State Police Image Retrieval, and Lexis/Nexis report.

Details: On 04/01/05, at approximately 1:00 p.m., SSRA [redacted] received a call from ASAC [redacted] concerning captioned matter. Following logical background investigation,

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# FBI finds explosives at Nichols' home

*Agent: Items were there before attack*

By JOHN SOLOMON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — FBI agents searching the former home of convicted Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols found explosive materials, including blasting caps, that appear to date before the deadly 1995 attack, agency officials said Friday.

FBI officials — who were tipped that they may have missed evidence a decade ago — said the material was found buried in a crawl space of the house in Herington, Kan., which wasn't checked by agents during numerous searches of the property in the original investigation of Nichols and Timothy McVeigh.

"The information so far indicates the items have been there since prior to the Oklahoma City bombing," FBI Agent Gary Johnson said from Oklahoma City.

FBI spokesman Jeff Lanza said from Kansas that the materials were being sent to the FBI lab for analysis. FBI agents went to the property Thursday night and summoned a bomb squad after finding the potentially dangerous materials, Lanza said.

The discovery, just three weeks before the 10th anniversary of the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, which killed 168 people, is likely to prove a new embarrassment to the FBI, already criticized for causing a delay in McVeigh's execution after it found new documents in the case.

Nichols, who is serving multiple life prison sentences, hasn't lived there for years. He is a native of Michigan's Thumb.

One of Nichols' attorneys said Friday that the discovery was a hoax or a major failure by the FBI to find all evidence after searching the home numerous times.

"It's surprising. I would think they would have done their job and found everything that was there," said attorney Brian Hermanson.

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