

stating the caller was across the street from the Murrah Building which had just been blown up. This call was supposedly made thirty-eight minutes prior to the actual bombing. The Justice Department employee who took the call, later worked out the timing of the telephone call he had received from Oklahoma City. He was able to determine the time based on a package delivery. The actual time was determined to be after the bombing.

OKBIC Note: No other explanation or proof was offered by the grand jurors to account for the change in Miller's time stamp or the recollection of the other two witnesses. The jurors were given the Government version of events and simply took the Government's story as fact. To our knowledge, James Miller and the other witnesses to this forewarning never testified before the Oklahoma County Grand Jury.

OKBIC Note: The Grand Jury failed to question why, if this caller was standing across the street from the Murrah building after it had just blown up, he didn't call 911 instead of the Justice Department.

## **F. BOMB SQUAD SIGHTINGS INDICATE PRIOR KNOWLEDGE**

### **1. Bomb Squad Member Says They Searched Federal Courthouse**

Randall A. Yount, working as a park ranger for the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, felt the explosion from his house in Bethany, Oklahoma, a suburb west of Oklahoma City. He immediately turned on the television and heard news of the bombing and the need for emergency assistance; so he put on his uniform and went downtown, arriving at 9:23 a.m. An Oklahoma Highway Patrol officer saw him walking in the downtown area and offered to give him a ride to the bombing area. The trooper dropped him at the Southwestern Bell Building where the Highway Patrol was setting up a command post in the parking lot. Yount was subsequently partnered with a trooper to help at the Murrah Building. While in the telephone company parking lot, Yount saw a marked Oklahoma Bomb Squad white truck with a trailer behind it. Sitting in the truck was an acquaintance of his named Terry. Terry told him, "Yeah, we've been down here since early this morning looking. We got word that there was going to be a bomb, and we thought it was going to be the courthouse. We went over everything and couldn't find anything." (Source: OKBIC Interview & Randy Yount's sworn affidavit)

### **2. Mother of Victim Sees Bomb Squad**

Renee Cooper's infant son was in the daycare center on the morning of the bombing and was killed in the blast. She says she saw several men in dark jackets with the words "Bomb Squad" written on them standing in front of the Federal Courthouse, across the street south of the Murrah Building, at 8:05 a.m. (Source: *The Oklahoma City Bombing and the Politics of Terror*, David Hoffman, Feral House, 1998, pg. 332)

OKBIC Note: According to David Hoffman, reporter J.D. Cash was told by Bomb Squad Captain Robert Heady, that "~~We don't wear those type shirts.~~" Hoffman also reports that Deputy Sheriff Melvin Sumter made a videotape "at the scene of the blast [that] shows Bomb Squad members, along with the captain, in T-shirts with words "BOMB SQUAD" in large silver-white letters written across their chests." (Source: The Oklahoma City Bombing and the Politics of Terror, David Hoffman, Feral House, 1998, pg. 333)

### **3. Local Attorney Sights Bomb Truck**

Dan Adomitis, an attorney in Oklahoma City, was on his way downtown for a 7:30 a.m. charity board meeting. Driving down Hudson Street which is a block-and-a-half west of the Murrah Building, he noticed a fairly large truck with a trailer behind it. According to Adomitis, "It had a shield on the side of the door and it said 'bomb disposal' or 'bomb squad' below it. And I really found that interesting. You know, I'd never seen anything like that in person." (Source: ABC News 20/20 Interview by Tom Jarriel, 17 Sep 97)

### **4. Employee of County Assessor's Office Sights Bomb Squad Truck**

J. D. Reed, an employee with the Oklahoma County Assessor's office, also saw the Bomb Squad truck parked on the east side of Hudson Street in front of the county courthouse on 19 April prior to the bombing. He commented on how unusual it was to see this vehicle. He recalled,

*I was settled at my desk for a normal day [9 a.m.] when I heard a whistling noise, like that of a jet engine. Less than a second later, I heard a deafening explosion and felt the building shake as if it were collapsing. "How far will this floor fall?" I remember wondering. As the shaking subsided, I ran to the window to investigate. Had an airplane struck the building? There was no sign of it. I looked for the Bomb Disposal Unit, but it was gone. Had they mistakenly set off an explosive while trying to disarm it? What was it???*

[Source: Article from a special edition of Mass Media, 19 Apr 96 (Oklahoma County Assessor's Newsletter)

### **5. Board of Elections Employee Sees Bomb Squad Truck**

Norma Joslin, a 30-year employee of the Oklahoma County Board of Elections stated that she saw the Bomb Squad truck parked on the east side of Hudson Street in front of the county courthouse. She says she commented to a co-worker on the unusual nature of this sighting and speculated that they would probably know why it was there soon enough. (Source: The New American, 11 Dec 95, quoting an article in The Watchman.)

### **6. Private Investigator Sights Possible Bomb-Search Team**

Claude Criss is a private investigator and part-time employee for the Oklahoma county courts. On the morning of the bombing he also noticed something unusual. As he was driv-

ing down Harvey Street, a half block from the Murrah Building, and came to the corner of Harvey and McGee, he saw four to seven paramilitary individuals with arms and three police dogs going through the bushes of the courthouse across the street from the Federal Building. When asked, he agreed that the dogs looked like sniffer dogs, "the type they use for bomb searches." (Source: ABC News 20/20 interview by Tom Jarriel, 17 Sep 97)

OKBIC Note: According to David Hoffman, the driver of the Bomb Squad truck, Deputy Sheriff William R Grimsley, states that he "left the county jail at 7:00 a.m., stopped at the nearby courthouse for a few minutes to take care of an errand, went to McDonald's for breakfast, then drove to the bomb training site 10 miles away." (Source: *The Oklahoma City Bombing and the Politics of Terror*, David Hoffman, Feral House, 1998, pg. 333)

OKBIC Note: Then-Oklahoma County Sheriff J. D. Sharp tells a different story. He stated, "I can assure you from the testimony of the witnesses and the bomb commander that our unit was not anywhere near the Murrah Building the morning of the blast" (Source: KFOR Channel 4 interview, 21 Nov 95). Sharp later claimed that Deputy Grimsley picked up the truck around 7:00 a.m. and drove directly to the department's training center. (Source: *The Oklahoma Gazette*, 13 Feb 97)

OKBIC Note: The FBI conducted a raid on an Oklahoma City mosque just prior to the bombing. There has been speculation that they gained information from the raid to alert them to the possibility of the Oklahoma City bombing. The FBI borrowed Arabic linguists from the U.S. Army on the day of the bombing to monitor and interpret Arabic wiretaps. A witness in the downtown Oklahoma City area says his neighborhood was full of FBI and ATF agents picking up documents as the dust cloud from the explosion deposited them on city streets. He also said he overheard agents on the payphone in front of his business speaking in Arabic. (Source: *SOURCE Investigative eJOURNAL*, Vol III, Issue 3, Jun 98)

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OKBIC Note: Did the raid on the mosque give the FBI prior warning of the Oklahoma City bombing? Is that why witnesses saw Bomb Squad trucks and searchers in the vicinity of the Murrah Building before the bomb exploded? (For more information on this incident, see Chapter VII, page 281.)

## G. S.W.A.T. SIGHTING SUGGESTS PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

Photojournalist Pat Carter was in downtown Oklahoma City on Harvey Avenue, 100 to 200 feet from the Murrah Building on 19 April 1995. It was 30 minutes to an hour after the bombing. He said he saw a half dozen ATF agents on the corner of Northwest 6th Street in front of a parking garage wearing their special weapons assault team (S.W.A.T.) gear—bullet-proof vests and black uniforms. He said he knows what kind of dress the ATF wears on crime-scene investigations like the Murrah Building, and they normally have on their blue windbreakers. He commented that "these guys were obviously part of a 'bust' that turned to [expletive deleted]!... The feds had this deal wired from the beginning." (Media Bypass, Jun 96, pg. 36)