



The key to McVeigh

Did someone plant evidence
in the case against Oklahoma City
bomber Timothy McVeigh?

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Death blew out of Kansas in a lumbering yellow truck.

After Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols built the bomb in the back of the Ryder truck McVeigh had rented only days before, according to court records and from his own account, McVeigh drove a circuitous route into Oklahoma toward his target: the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Near Emporia, Kan., McVeigh checked the explosive load: a homemade bomb made with racing fuel and fertilizer weighing thousands of pounds. He stopped for a rest in the cab of the truck near Blackwell, along Interstate 35. Then he drove on. It was 15 years ago, on April 19, 1995.

According to a defense chronology prepared by several of McVeigh's attorneys, a copy of which is maintained on the Web site of PBS's "Frontline," he took the Harrison/Fourth Street exit into downtown Oklahoma City. He drove behind the federal building, "then turned north on a one-way street."

"On Fifth Street he turned right," the chronology continues. "At the chain link fence in front of the Firestone he pulled over and lit the five-minute fuse." >>>