

Nichols sentenced to life in prison

If he had revealed new information about the bombing, his sentence could have been lessened

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DENVER — Terry Nichols was sentenced to life in prison Thursday after refusing to reveal new information about how he helped Timothy McVeigh plan and pull off the Oklahoma City bombing.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch imposed the sentence after listening to survivors and relatives of victims describe how the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil left their lives in ruins.

Matsch had indicated he would consider a lesser sentence if Nichols answered lingering questions about the bombing. In court, however, Nichols declined an opportunity to speak.

Matsch said Nichols and McVeigh were on a campaign to disrupt and intimidate the U.S. government.

"It is a crime and the victims

have spoken eloquently here," he said. "But it is not a crime as to them so much as it is a crime against the Constitution of the United States. That's the victim."

Nichols showed no emotion when Matsch announced the sentence. His ex-wife, Lana Padilla, and their son, Josh, wept.

Nichols, 43, was convicted Dec. 23, 1997, of involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy in the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people and injured hundreds. He was acquitted on murder and weapons charges.

The jury deadlocked over whether to give him the death penalty, so the sentence fell to Matsch, who under law could impose no more than life in prison.

Federal prosecutors wanted a life sentence, arguing that Nichols worked "side-by-side" with McVeigh to plan and carry out the bombing.

Defense attorneys had recommended no more than seven years, insisting Nichols was building "a life, not a bomb."

They also had said Nichols

could not speak freely because anything he said could be used against him if he is tried on state murder charges in Oklahoma, where prosecutors have vowed to seek the death penalty.

Before sentencing, bombing survivors and relatives of the victims urged Matsch to sentence Nichols to life behind bars.

"I'm here to pray the court will not show leniency," survivor Patti Hall said.

Rudy Guzman, whose brother, Randy, was killed, said: "Please keep him locked up so he'll never hurt anyone again."

At the start of the hearing, Nichols' lawyers asked for a new trial, claiming they had evidence that jurors worked in "small groups outside the formal deliberative process," Matsch said.

The judge gave prosecutors a week to respond to the request for a new trial and pressed ahead with sentencing.

Last year, McVeigh, Nichols' Army buddy, was convicted of murder and conspiracy and was sentenced to die.

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