

Jury Expands Probe of Bombings in Area

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U. S. Atty. John O. Olson's Federal Grand Jury bomb probers recessed late Friday until Tuesday with indication that their investigation of the Aug. 24 University of Wisconsin fatal bombing has expanded to six other unsolved bombings and attempts this year in the Madison area.

"Yes, we're investigating various offenses that may be related, but there are no indictments at this time," Olson said.

IN ELKHORN, Friday, the Walworth County Grand Jury, headed by lawyers from the state attorney general's office, continued its probe into the February bombing of the Old Main central building on the White-water State University Campus.

Investigators accumulating witnesses for both the state and federal probes said they were "tying up strings" of evidence which may link all the previous unsolved bombings to the Aug. 24 fatal blast at the UW Army Mathematics Research Center in Sterling Hall.

THE PREVIOUS bombings and attempts, besides the Whitewater campus explosion, were at the Primate Laboratory, T-16 ROTC building, and Old Red Gym on the UW Madison campus in January, and unsuccessful attempts at the Army Ammunition Plant, near Baraboo, and at the Prairie du Sac electric power substation Feb. 22 which supplies the Army plant.

Two Madison brothers, Karleton, 24, and Dwight Armstrong, 19, and two former University of Wisconsin students, David Fine, 18, and Leo Burt, 22, are sought on federal fugitive warrants charging them with sabotage, conspiracy, and destruction of government property regarding the Aug. 24 UW campus bombing that killed Dr. Robert Fassnacht, 33, a research chemist.

Karleton Armstrong also has been charged in a Sauk County warrant with attempted bombing of the Prairie du Sac power plant.

AT LEAST 14 witnesses have been called in connection with the bombings to testify here since Tuesday.

One young Madison woman, accompanied by an attorney, was a close friend of Karleton Armstrong, investigators said.

Three young men witnesses appeared Friday. Only one offered his name. He said he was Daniel Biggs, 21, from Madison; that he refused to testify because his attorney, Melvin Greenberg, was not present; and that he did not know why he was called to testify because he did not know either of the four men charged.

FIVE OTHER bombing case witnesses this week before the Grand Jury were businessmen from Madison, Middleton, Baraboo, and Portage, apparently involved in selling to the bombers the nitrogen fertilizer and fuel oil which was the explosive mixture believed used to blast Sterling Hall.

They, like most jury witnesses, are called to give information and their testifying does not imply any guilt of wrongdoing.

FBI, University, and Madison investigators received an example of the power of nitrogen fertilizer-fuel oil explosion Friday afternoon at a stone quarry near Rock Springs, close to Baraboo. The explosion, with the same elements believed used to blast Sterling Hall, blasted out 30,000 tons of solid rock, an investigator reported.