

1. Jane Graham

Graham, an employee with Housing and Urban Development (HUD), was in her office on the ninth floor of the Murrah Building. She felt an initial shock which she thought was an earthquake. Eight to ten seconds later she felt a force (much different from the first) come from the central east portion of the building, and then a massive explosion ripped the floors to the roof. The blast knocked her back toward the west and knocked her unconscious for a few moments. When she opened her eyes, there was heavy black smoke and the sky could be seen from the rupture. (Source: OKBIC interview)

2. Jack Gobin

Gobin, an employee with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, was working at his desk in the Murrah Building the morning of the bombing. He told KFOR-TV in Oklahoma City that at first he thought it was an earthquake, but then the windows in his office blew in. He said he got under his desk and was not hurt. (Source: KFOR-TV broadcast, 19 Apr 95)

3. Man on the Street

A KFOR-TV commentator asked a man walking down the street at the bombsite what he had experienced. He told her, "I came out from under the desk and there just wasn't any building left around me. The whole office area was gone." (Source: KFOR-TV, 19 Apr 95)

4. Brian Espe

Espe, who worked on the 5th floor of the Murrah Building, stated, "I went under a table and the ceiling started to fall in." (Source: KFOR-TV, 19 Apr 95)

5. Virgil Steele

Steele was employed by Mid-Western Elevator Company which serviced the elevators in the federal complex. At the time of the bombing, he was northwest (about a mile north and about one-half mile west) of the Murrah Building. He recalls hearing a loud rumble and, upon immediately exiting the building he was in, seeing "two pillaring billows of smoke dust" and a "streak of light." He described the sounds as follows:

I exited the building probably a minute, or maybe even two, from the time I first heard the first rumble....It actually wasn't just one rumble; it was more like a clap of thunder—a very loud clap of thunder, followed almost simultaneously with a—a more of a—explosion-type boom, maybe even a two-percussion boom that—that followed the first one....We could feel it on—on Twentieth, at Twenty Thousand Classen Center.