

FBI offers cash for help in solving Olympic bombing

ATLANTA (AP) — More than four months after the Olympic bombing, the FBI posted a \$500,000 reward Monday, and for the first time played a tape of the 911 warning call, hoping someone might recognize the man's deep, slow voice.

One-time suspect Richard Jewell, meanwhile, reached an undisclosed cash settlement with NBC over his claim that news anchor Tom Brokaw implied he was guilty of the bombing that left two dead and hundreds injured. NBC said it agreed to the settlement to protect confidential sources.

The FBI's deputy director, Weldon Kennedy, denied that investigators are at a dead end, and said the agency has made a "lot of progress." He said investigators believe people have photos, videos or other information that may identify the bomber or bombers.

FBI officials played the 911 recording three times. A transcript of the call, in which the man warns "There is a bomb in Centennial Park. You have 30 minutes," had been released shortly after the July 27 bombing.

The tape wasn't released earlier because the caller apparently disguised his voice, Kennedy said, "and we felt in the earlier stages of this that we did not have enough information to provide."

The bombing killed one spectator and injured more than 100 others during the early-morning concert at the crowded Centennial Olympic Park. A Turkish cameraman rushing to the scene died of a heart attack.

Jewell, a security guard, was initial-

ly labeled a hero for discovering the knapsack that contained the pipe bomb just before the blast. The knapsack was left beneath a bench near a light tower between midnight and 12:45 a.m., Kennedy said. The 911 call was made at 12:58 a.m. and the bomb exploded about 1:20.

Kennedy said it was possible for one person to have planted the bomb and made the 911 call.

"The time factors are such that it's possible one person did both," he said. "But ... it could also have been two people acting in concert."

The 40-pound bomb was designed to injure as many people as possible, Kennedy said. Luckily, concert-goers had inadvertently knocked the bag over.

"When the bomb went off, the majority of the blast went skyward instead of laterally or parallel to the ground," Kennedy said. "Had it been left in place ... we would have seen a huge number of casualties and many, many, many more people killed and injured than what actually occurred."

It took the FBI more than four months to piece together fragments of the knapsack. Displaying a replica of the bag, Kennedy said someone, somewhere has a photograph of "a person carrying this bomb into the park."

Jewell was considered a suspect in part because authorities believed he fit a psychological profile — someone thirsty for recognition, often by law enforcement, who creates a crisis so he can defuse it and become a hero.

Jewell was the only named suspect for three months before he was cleared Oct. 26.

Goldman testifies in Simpson trial

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Bringing his furious quest to prove O.J. Simpson killed his son to a sorrowful climax, Fred Goldman took the stand Monday and told of the huge void the slaying has left in his life.

"There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of Ron," said Goldman, shooting angry glances at Simpson and overcome at times with such wrenching sobs that his lawyer had to pause in questioning.

Jurors seemed grim. Most looked down when Goldman sobbed. Two appeared to grow moist-eyed as he narrated a series of family snapshots and videotapes.

In one chilling moment, Ron

Goldman himself spoke to the jury, remarking in a November 1993 videotape that "God knows where I'll be in a year."

Fred Goldman wept hardest when he told of finding a diagram in his son's apartment after his death showing a restaurant he dreamed of opening.

"I never realized how far Ron had gotten with his plans and his dreams," Goldman sobbed.

The diagram, displayed on a TV screen, showed a floor plan in the shape of an Egyptian ankh necklace that the 25-year-old Ron Goldman wore. Asked what it symbolized, the father wept and said, "Eternal life," then turned toward

Simpson and added, "He doesn't wear it anymore. Kim wears it now."

Kim Goldman, the slain man's younger sister, sat in the front row of the courtroom, dabbing at her eyes with tissue. Her stepmother, Patti, and her sister, Lauren, also were in tears.

Simpson's attorney, Robert Bennett, conducted a brief, gentle cross-examination, establishing that Ron Goldman's mother, Sharon Rufo, who is a part of the lawsuit, hadn't seen him in 14 years. He also showed that Fred Goldman had a \$450,000 book contract.

The plaintiffs rested when Goldman left the stand.

WIATT

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"I would attend Ku Kluxer rallies and get license plate numbers," Wiatt said.

The KKK never got a foothold in the Walker, Trinity and Madison County areas because of Wiatt's "preventative intimidation."

"This is a new era, and it didn't bother me a bit to make the Neanderthals break the mold they had been raised in," he said. "I made it very clear what had to be done — otherwise you're breaking the law."

The FBI not only provided an exciting career, but introduced him to his wife Ann, who Wiatt said has created the relaxed and bonded household that is necessary in his field.

Originally from Huntsville, Ala., she was working in the personnel office of the Bureau in Washington D.C. where he was being trained. They met at a party for new agents and are now in their 43th year of marriage.

He bragged about her heavy involvement in Bryan-College Station community service and said, "I am known as Mr. Ann Wiatt."

Steven Spielberg portrayed Wiatt in the

first movie he directed, Sugarland Express, starring Goldie Hawn.

The movie concerned a 300-mile car chase led by Wiatt involving 125 lawmen and members of the media, ending in Wheelock, Texas. Wiatt said his role in the movie was misinterpreted.

Another explosive episode in his career was the Huntsville prison standoff which lasted for 11 and a half days — the longest prison hostage incident ever.

Murder and drug kingpin Fred Gomez Carrasco led the incident that held 16 prison employees hostage in a third-floor library classroom.

After being led to believe they would be permitted to escape, Wiatt, DPS officers and a dozen Texas Rangers intercepted them, ending the standoff with a 22-minute close-range gun battle.

Wiatt was shot twice wearing a bullet-proof vest, and two female hostages, friends of his, were killed.

On December 30, 1980, Wiatt retired from the FBI and began working as the chief investigator-intake attorney in the Brazos County District Attorney's office.

After two years in the district attorney's office, Frank Vandiver, the then president of A&M, asked Wiatt to become the director of

UPD, his current position.

Wiatt credits the tools the Bureau equipped him with through his training at the academy.

He said you must have professional training to not become calloused in his line of work. Removing human emotion is part of your job, he said.

"You cannot get that involved, but you have to realize that's a human being," he said. "You have to distance yourself from your job."

In 1975, Wiatt's oldest son Scottie was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease during his senior year of high school. He died Memorial Day 1976 at the age of 18.

Wiatt said nothing he did as an adult was as bad as his son's death.

"There is nothing worse than losing a child," he said. "Nothing worse can happen to me than what happened to him."

Mosadi Porter is a student worker training and recruitment at the UPD. senior speech communications major referred to Wiatt as a living piece of his life and described him as a positive man who was funny and receptive.

"I know there is a place in his heart for students," she said. "He always tells me to come to him if I need help."

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