DEADLY BLAST STILL FELT KANSAS NEW INFORMATION CITY Ed Massey, who often cut firewood at the construction 85th St. site, says he saw someone set the fires that caused 87th St the explosion that killed six Kansas City firefighters on Nov. 29, 1988. Massey says it was not the five people Site of blast convicted of the crime. Bannister Bannister Rd. Mall 3:35 a.m. 435 71 ndiana Ave. A witness speeds into the QuikTrip to report Hillcrest a pickup on fire at the construction site. Two Ñ security guards, Debbie and Robert Riggs, who had been guarding the site nearby, are QuikTrip 3:40 a.m. (now Southbound U.S. 74 The security guards return to the site, reporting FastStop) along the way that the pickup is on fire along U.S. Northbound U.S. 71. As they do so, they also report flames coming from an explosives trailer on the construction site. 4:04 a.m. After firefighters extinguish This man shows roads as the pickup fire, two pumpers they were in spray a blazing truck trailer. Blue River Rd. 1988. Access Rd. Construction Security guard's burning pickup site 4:08 a.m. 87th St About 25,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate and fuel oil explodes, killing all six firefighters instantly. By comparison, the 1995 bombing in Oklahoma City involved 4,800 pounds of ammonium nitrate and fuel oil. First trailer Later, about 30,000 pounds of to explode ammonium nitrate and fuel oil in a second trailer explodes. The blasts Second awaken much of the city and damage trailer to explode hundreds of homes. AFTER THE BLAST 11 a.m. Nov. 29, 1988 Jan. 21, Police pull over woodcutter Ed 1997 Massey and his girlfriend after The trial another woodcutter, Shawn begins. Roma, tells them Massey caused the explosion. Massey Feb. 26, 1997 is searched, polygraphed and

released.

Sept. 25, 1989

Bryan Sheppard is indicted by a Jackson County grand jury after a jailhouse informant comes forward to say Sheppard admitted involvement in the crime. Sheppard is later released when it is shown the informant was lying.

June 12, 1996

Frank, Skip and Bryan Sheppard, Richard Brown and Darlene Edwards are indicted by a federal grand jury and charged under federal arson statutes.

The defendants are convicted.

July 2, 1997

All are sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole.

Oct. 30, 1998

The U.S. Court of Appeals upholds their convictions. Other appeals are later turned down.

Jan. 17, 2007

Ed Massey tells ATF agents much of the story he had told The Star a day earlier.

HAZARDOUS SCENE

Explosives were at the site to help blast rock in the area. Rock was being used to build U.S. 71.

Feb. 7, 2007

"Out of an abundance of caution," Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker distributes the interview with Massey to seven defense attorneys who have been involved in the case.

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