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FRED JORDAN, Chief Medical Examiner: "I've made a lot of people very angry at me and that's just a shame because I'm trying to protect the public safety here. It's just too bad. That's just the way it's going to have to be.

ANCHOR: Fred Jordan, the state's chief medical examiner, speaks out in anger about the mysterious death of Kenneth Michael Trentadue, A Fox 25 News exclusive. Tonight a major development in an ongoing Fox 25 News investigation. The state's chief medical examiner says it's taking too long to find out what really happened to an inmate who died inside Oklahoma City's Federal Transfer Center nearly two years ago. And tonight Fred Jordan is demanding the local bombing grand jury investigate the mysterious death of Kenneth Michael Trentadue. Fox 25's Phyllis Williams has been following this case for more than a year now and joins with more. Phyllis, Jordan rarely if ever gives interviews. Why is speaking out now?

REPORTER: He simply says he's fired up and wants action. Jordan says if Kenneth Michael Trentadue was murdered or if anybody else is murdered at the Federal Transfer Center, the public has the right to know. But Jordan says that's not happening. Do you believe he was murdered?

JORDAN: "I think it's very likely he was murdered. I'm not able to prove it. I have temporarily classified the death as undetermined. You see a body covered with blood, removed from the room as Mr. Trentadue was, soaked in blood covered with bruises, and you try to gain access to the scene and the government of the United States say no, you can't. They continue to prohibit us from having access to the scene of his death, which is unheard of in 1997, until about five months later. We went in there and luminalled. It lit up like a candle because blood was still present on the walls of the room after four or five months. But at that point we have no crime scene so there are still questions about the death of Kenneth Trentadue that will never be answered because of the actions of the U.S. government. Whether those actions were intentional whether they were incompetence, I don't know it's not easy to communicate with the federal government. It was botched. Or, worse, it was planned."

REPORTER: Why is there a problem?

**PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT**

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JORDAN: "Well, you tell me. You tell me why there's a problem."

REPORTER: Could it be because the family will not let this go?

JORDAN: "Would you if it were your relative?"

REPORTER: There are some people that would say why are you doing this - he's just an inmate.

JORDAN: "It's not just an inmate. Mr. Trentadue may not be somebody I would let in my house. But let me tell you something. He's a human being, or he was a human being. I'm not saying I like these guys. I'm not saying I wouldn't be terrified if you put me out there with one of them, but I'm saying it is our responsibility and I'm saying as the investigator of their death it is my responsibility as long as I'm chief medical examiner and damn it I'm going to do it, regardless of what I have to do. Do you think that the prison system, do you think that the court system, is so accurate and so effective that there is no one in jail who's innocent? If you do, I have a piece of shore property just outside El Reno that I want to sell you. I think we need a Oklahoma County grand jury made up of Oklahoma County citizens in which the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma can participate, Mr. Ryan, can participate, where the people in Washington cannot forbid him to do that. That he can participate in our investigation as an Oklahoman, as somebody concerned about our city."

REPORTER: Have you tried to contact Reno?

JORDAN: "Yes, let me tell you about that. Back when we were still investigating the bombing, because Mr. Trentadue died shortly after the bombing, I made a call to Mrs. Reno's office. I told them who I was. I said I would like to speak to an assistant U.S. attorney. I was told you can't, none is available. The door has been shut from Ms. Reno's office to me as the chief medical examiner forever."

REPORTER: But will you continue to fight for the county grand jury?

JORDAN: "Oh, yes. Yes, I will and if that doesn't happen I'll continue to fight in any way I possibly can. My job as chief medical examiner, is among other things, to investigate the deaths that occur in prison."

REPORTER: Jordan also wants the local bombing grand jury to tour the Federal Transfer Center and see if it's possible for an

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inmate to hang himself as FTC officials claim. Damon, there is a new law signed in February that would allow the medical examiner's office immediate access to death scenes at the Federal Transfer Center. But Jordan the feds are trying to block that by only allowing his office to investigate a death if the feds say it's suspicious.

ANCHOR: Jesse Trentadue and his family have been waging a war to find out what really happened at the FTC for nearly two years now. Jesse Trentadue, who is a Salt Lake City attorney, says Jordan's efforts may be what's needed to finally get the truth out.

\*JESSE TRENTADUE, Brother, says I think he's experienced the same frustrations we have - being lied to, evidence being destroyed, witnesses threatened, witnesses hidden. The actions of the U.S. Department of Justice in this matter stink.

ANCHOR: Jesse Trentadue has appeared before the grand jury. He and his family have been campaigning throughout the country, even bringing their concerns to Capitol Hill. So the very latest tonight in the Trentadue case. Chief Medical Examiner Fred Jordan is asking that the bombing grand jury be allowed to look into the case. A federal grand jury has been investigating Trentadue's death for the past 9 months, but so far no action has been taken. The Senate Judiciary Committee as well as Amnesty International are now involved in the case. And the Trentadue family has filed a federal lawsuit against the FBI, Bureau of Prisons, and the Justice Department.