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Futile 'fertile' search

The cab from a stolen tractor-trailer carrying fertilizer and pesticides was found yesterday, but the hazardous cargo remained at large, police said.

Police and the FBI found the cab abandoned on Route 1&9 at Bond Street at 8:54 a.m. It was towed to a forensic laboratory to be tested.

The trailer still has not been located, despite a nationwide alert. The rig was stolen from the parking lot of the Rockland Corp., a Parsippany trucking company, sometime between 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and 6 a.m. Wednesday.

The 45-foot trailer, a 1988 white Freuhauf model, has the word "Rockland" written in green on all four sides.

The theft caused concern because some fertilizers can be used to make explosives. Timothy McVeigh mixed a truckload of ammonium nitrate with motor fuel and blew up the Oklahoma City federal building six years ago. *AP*

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