

Kingman questioned after Harveys bombing



It was 34 years ago this week that a bomb blew up Harveys at Stateline. Photo/Western Nevada Historic Photo Collection

Aug. 27 marks 34 years since the Harveys bombing.

I was the chief engineer of KRLT, whose transmitter is atop Harveys.

Of course, the building was evacuated and the station was off the air when the bomb was found. I was allowed to trek all the stairs to the roof the day after the bomb blast to check on our transmitter equipment. It was OK.

The building smelled like a wet, dark smoldering fireplace, and was pretty much hollowed out from the basement to the fourth and fifth floors. What a mess. The hallway on the sixth floor had an obvious bulge in the middle. Regardless, its concrete and steel structural integrity was such that the building was restored.

An FBI agent said I looked like one of the suspects and I was questioned.

This link is a terrific video by Chris Ronay of the FBI who investigated.

– *Bill Kingman*