

Mother of slain son attempts to attack man

Alvin Facion sentenced to life on murder charge

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OZARK — A mother's attempted attack on the man who pleaded guilty to murdering her son was halted on Tuesday as she unsuccessfully struggled with Dale County sheriff's deputies to get to the man.

Alvin Facion, 23, of Dothan was in the process of pleading guilty to the murder of Miles Ben Ansley, 24, on Tuesday when Ansley's mother, Fay Cannon, jumped from her seat and moved toward Facion in Dale County Circuit Judge P.B. McLaughlin's courtroom.

Facion was escorted from the courtroom before Cannon could reach him. She begged deputies and the Lord to let her get to Facion before she, too, was escorted away.

"It took me 37 hours to have my baby. I planned that pregnancy. ... (Facion) took that from me," Cannon yelled.

Facion, his brother, 22-year-old Darrell Facion, and 31-year-old Donovan Beaty were charged with capital murder in November 2007 after Ansley was killed during a robbery which authorities believe Beaty set up at Ansley's Orange Lane residence.

Alvin Facion was sentenced to life in prison on Tuesday after pleading guilty to the lesser charge of murder.

Darrell Facion was sentenced last week to 22 years in prison after pleading guilty to felony murder.

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Beaty is expected to stand trial in September.

By accepting the plea agreement, Alvin Facion's attorney, Bill Kominos, said his client could be eligible for parole in 10 years.

"We felt there was sufficient evidence, both physical and witness wise, that the state could prove the charge of capital murder ... In capital, there's only two sentences, either death or life without parole," Kominos said.

Dale County District Attorney Kirke Adams said he discussed the plea agreement

with Ansley's family for months and believed life in prison was the appropriate punishment for Alvin Facion.

There was no guarantee Alvin Facion would get out of prison, he added.

"I will do everything I can to keep (Alvin Facion) in as long as I can. Unless I'm dead, I'll be there with (Cannon) at the parole hearings, no matter what my job may be at that time," Adams said.

A woman who authorities identified as Alvin Facion's sister appeared to be the only one present in his support.

The woman stood up after Cannon tried to approach Alvin Facion in the courtroom.

"(Alvin) can't take it back," she said.