



Donovan Beaty is shown in court in this file photo.

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## Last of three suspects pleads guilty in 2007 Ozark murder

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**OZARK** — The last of three men charged with capital murder in the death of Miles Ben Ansley last year pleaded guilty to a lesser charge.

Donovan Beaty, 31, of Don Circle in Ozark, pleaded guilty to felony murder after a hearing earlier this week, according to Dale County District Attorney Kirke Adams.

Beaty was sentenced to 22 years in a state prison.

His attorney, Joseph Gallo, could

not be reached for comment.

Adams said Beaty helped plan a robbery "that ended up going wrong" when 24-year-old Ansley was killed by a gunshot wound in his Orange Lane residence on Nov. 27, 2007.

The gunman, 23-year-old Alvin Facion, pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to life in prison.

His brother and the driver during the robbery, 22-year-old Darrell Facion, was the first of the three to plead guilty to murder. He was sentenced to 22 years in prison.

Each man was originally charged with capital murder.

"There was no evidence that there was a pre-existing plan to kill Ansley. These men all pleaded to their roles in the crime, which was murder," Adams said.

Under the plea, Adams said Beaty and Darrell Facion could be eligible for parole in seven and a half years.

They could have served between 10 and 99 years in a state prison.

Alvin Facion could be eligible for parole in 10 years.