

Man pleads guilty to Captain D's robbery, another to Daleville robbery

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OZARK—A Midland City man involved in a robbery, which authorities said was initially intended as an inside theft at Captain D's in Ozark, pleaded guilty to the crime on Monday.

Dale County Circuit Judge Bill Filmore sentenced Samuel Wilson Jr., 24, to serve 20 years in a state prison for the first-degree robbery conviction.

According to Dale County District Attorney Kirke Adams, Wilson conspired with the store's assistant manager, 38-year-old

Cordelia Kirkland of Brundidge, and a cook, 28-year-old Treeny Neal Willis of Midland City, to stage a robbery at the restaurant in November.

Adams said Wilson and another person entered the store and demanded money at gunpoint. The duo escaped with \$1,200, Adams said. Kirkland was arrested later.

Adams said the presence of a gun shifted the case from a theft to a first-degree robbery.

"Our society is tired of people going throughout our communities with guns and weapons and

committing crimes," Adams said.

"It feels good we have members of our community that witnessed this incident and were willing and brave enough to come forward and testify to what happened."

Kirkland and Willis are expected to go to trial later this year.

In an unrelated case, Ephan Moore, 21, of Mobile, pleaded guilty to the first-degree robbery of Complete Cash on U.S. Highway 84 in Daleville.

A co-defendant in that case, 22-year-old Ladarius Ward, is set for trial later.