

Former Clio officer faces robbery charge

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A former Clio police officer faces a felony charge in connection to a strong-arm robbery in Ozark earlier this week.

Ozark Police Capt. Frankey Peterman said police arrested Jerome D. Johnson on Tuesday and charged him with felony

second-degree robbery.

Peterman said the victim, an Ozark man, was in the front yard of his home in the 3800 block of Alabama Highway 27 when he was robbed by two men around 4 p.m.



Johnson

Monday.

Peterman said, during the investigation, police learned Johnson allegedly grabbed the victim by the neck, while a second man went through the victim's pockets and stole his wallet, which contained an undisclosed amount of cash. He said both suspects left the scene in a dark-colored vehicle.

He said Ozark police officers took Johnson into custody about 1 a.m. Tuesday at the Candlelight Motel. He was arrested later at the Ozark Police Department. Johnson was taken to the Dale County Jail.

Peterman said the victim of the robbery was not seriously injured.

Peterman said police

have identified the second suspect and are still looking for him. The *Eagle* did not release the second suspect's name because he has not officially been charged with a crime yet.

Clio Mayor David Grice confirmed Johnson served as an officer with the Clio Police Department until he resigned in May of this year.