

# FIRST GLANCE

## Bell pleads guilty to attack on pizza man

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One of the two men charged with the beating of Domino's Pizza driver Alan McCullough



on Wednesday pleaded guilty to all charges against him.

Ronald E. Bell, 25, entered blind pleas of guilty to

Bell charges of robbery, assault and armed criminal action in front of Judge Thomas J. Brown III.

Bell was charged following the June 9 incident involving McCullough, who was attacked as he attempted to deliver an order of two pizzas and chicken wings to a house in the 1200 block of St. Mary's Boulevard.

Bell said he was currently on prescription medicines that "make it so I don't hear voices and so I am of sound mind," but noted that he understood his pleas.

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Brown accepted the guilty pleas and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

A blind plea means that there is no plea agreement involved and it allows the prosecutor to seek the maximum punishment, Prosecutor Bill Tackett said.

The second suspect in the case, Patrick Michael Middaugh, 17, was arraigned in Division I earlier this month by Brown. Middaugh's trial has been set for Sept. 7, with a status hearing scheduled Sept. 6.

Bell reportedly admitted to authorities that he struck McCullough on the head with metal pipe during the robbery.