

# Two teens will testify to avoid felony charges

Felony murder and felonious restraint charges against two Jefferson City teens were dropped Monday after the teens agreed to testify against other defendants involved in the July 10, 2005, robbery and murder of Christopher Deloach.

However, Jurmaine McDonald, 17, and Terance McDonald, 16, both pleaded guilty to the Class A felony of first-degree robbery, which means they still could face up to life in prison for their role in the robbery.

Assistant Cole County Prosecutor Kurt Valentine said the plea agreement was offered because the teens did not take part in the shooting at Deloach's home in the 1000 block of Buena Vista last year. "They were long gone before that happened," Valentine said.

Judge Richard Callahan presided over the teens' court appearance on Monday.

In all, six people were charged in connection with the robbery and Deloach's murder.

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