

# Fourth pleads in Papa John's robbery

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The fourth and final defendant in a staged robbery of the Old Forest Road Papa John's pleaded guilty to reduced charges in Lynchburg Circuit Court Friday.

Brandon Carey, 22, of Charlotte County, pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor charge of accessory after the fact to robbery — reduced

from a felony charge of robbery. The Commonwealth also dropped the charge of a use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Judge Patrick Yeatts sentenced Carey to a year in jail on the misdemeanor conviction.

The robbery took place Dec. 27, 2010.

Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee said Carey served as the driver for two other defendants, Sean Demers and

William Bowie, who both have been convicted of the robbery.

He said Carey was cooperative and told the full story when contacted by police.

Through cases against Demers, Bowie and Lianna Parker, the Commonwealth established the robbery was set up by Demers and Parker, a store employee and Demers' girlfriend. Pizza delivery drivers were sent out on bogus delivery calls, Felmlee said, to empty

the store before the robbery.

He said Carey drove from Charlotte County with Bowie to assist in the heist, left the scene while the robbery was taking place, then returned to pick up Bowie and Demers.

"This defendant, by far, played the smallest role in this crime," Felmlee said.

Out of the \$1,100 the team netted from the robbery, Felmlee said, Carey received \$50 of it.