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One of two defendants in an attempted robbery of the Farmers State Bank in Wallace was sentenced last week.

Tracy Black, 53, of Evanston, Wyo., entered a no contest plea and was sentenced by Judge Donald Rowlands in District Court in Lincoln County on March 25.

Black was sentenced to one-and-a-half to three years in prison for his role as driver of a getaway vehicle in the attempted robbery on Aug. 13, 2012.

Black's accomplice, Drew Steier, 21, also of Evanston, Wyo., is awaiting sentencing on April 8. Steier entered a no contest plea on March 12, and the same sentence is recommended by the county attorney's office.

Steier entered the Farmers State Bank in Wallace wearing a mask and wielding a BB gun. He demanded money and was told by a bank teller that the money was locked up in the vault, whereupon he left the bank and he and Black drove out of town.

The Ford F-250 pickup they were driving was stopped north of Imperial about an hour later and both men were taken into custody.