

Bass Given 2 Life Terms In Slayings

An Orlando man was sentenced to two life prison terms Monday after pleading no contest to murdering two reported drug sellers in what police have labeled as the "Oglesby Street murders."

Ralph Dale Bass, 23, of 3016 Friendly Ave., entered his pleas after an unsuccessful attempt to have a tape-recorded confession ruled inadmissible as evidence by Circuit Court Judge Bernard C. Muszynski.

GARY WILSON, a codefendant, was certified insane by Circuit Court Judge Peter M. de Manio Oct. 2 and is now in the state hospital at Chattahoochee.

Bass contended he gave the confession to Orange County sheriff's office detectives Daniel Nazarchuck and Eugene Overstreet in July in return for immunity from prosecution in the slayings of Jeff Saure and David Palmer, who lived together on Oglesby Street.

Under questioning by both Bass' attorney Charles Trulock and State Atty. Robert Eagan, Nazarchuck and Overstreet denied promising Bass anything for his confession.

BASS AND Trulock entered the no contest plea because it allows them to challenge Muszynski's ruling on the confession in the

Fourth District Court of Appeal. If the higher court rules in Bass's favor he will request a trial.

Bass was sentenced immediately and turned over to the Orange County sheriff's office for transfer to the state prison reception center at Lake Butler where he is to begin serving his sentences.

He will not be eligible for parole for 25 years.

IN HIS confession, played before Muszynski in open court, Bass said he did not know Wilson planned to kill the two drug sellers they planned to rob. Bass said Wilson shot the two and then beat them with a hammer.