

# Second man convicted in beating death

## Plea agreement reduces charge to voluntary manslaughter

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The second man charged in the brutal beating death of a Lynchburg man in June pleaded guilty and was convicted of voluntary manslaughter Friday.

Carlton Hunter, 23, of Rustburg, was originally charged with first-degree murder for the death of Daniel Keith Jackson, 39, on June 9. He was scheduled to face a jury trial March 15.

The plea agreement made with prosecutors, however, did not specify a prison sentence. Hunter faces one to 10 years in prison for the charge, and will be sentenced April 22.

The charge stems from an incident that happened June 9, when Jackson held a birthday party at his house on Pierce Street.

According to prosecutors, codefendant Mario Scott, 23, had asked Jackson to hold onto his handgun while he left the party for a period of time. When Scott returned, he learned that Jackson had given the gun to someone else.

Scott became enraged and punched a hole in the wall, Lynchburg Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee said.

Jackson began to walk away toward the front door. That's when Hunter, who had been drinking beer

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