

Man indicted on murder charges

Accused of killing brother in Charlotte St. shooting

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A Lynchburg man accused of killing his brother on Charlotte Street in October was indicted on murder charges Monday.

Kenneth Chatman, 18, was indicted on charges of murder or felony murder.

The indictment is written such that the jury can choose between first-degree, second-degree or felony murder, with sentencing ranges between five years and life in prison,

said Lynchburg Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Charles Felmlee.

"The jury will be presented with either option," he said.

At a preliminary hearing last month, the original count of second-degree murder was dismissed after



Chatman

Judge Kenneth Farrar said there wasn't enough evidence to send it to a grand jury for consideration. However, under Virginia law, prosecutors can bring the dismissed charges directly to the grand jury.

Chatman also was indicted on charges of one count of possession

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of a firearm by a convicted felon, three counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, two counts of malicious wounding and one count of malicious shooting into an occupied vehicle.

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