

Cabell Street

Man gets 15 years in May shooting

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A Lynchburg man involved in a May shooting on Rivermont Avenue was sentenced to 15 years in prison Friday afternoon by a judge who likened the area around Cabell Street to the O.K. Corral.

James Edward Payne, 23, of Lynchburg, was sentenced to 40 years in prison with all but 10



Payne

years suspended for aggravated malicious wounding, three years for the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony and two years for possessing a firearm as a convicted felon.

Payne earlier pleaded guilty to the crimes.

He testified Friday that on the night of May 21 he was hanging out around Miles Market at the intersection of Rivermont Avenue and Cabell Street. He said a group of men approached him and his friends, started an argument about someone selling them bad drugs. They left, Payne said, but then came back. One of the men pulled out a knife during one of the confrontations, he said.

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