

Jury: Man guilty in drive-by

March 22 gunfight on Madison St. injured two; jury recommends 37-year sentence

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A jury recommended a 37-year sentence Tuesday for a Lynchburg man convicted of shooting two people in a March 22 gunfight on Madison Street.

In a two-day trial in Lynchburg Circuit Court, Marcus Miller, 21, was found guilty for participating in a drive-by shooting that injured one woman in the leg and a man in the abdomen.

"It was a senseless act; no way to solve a dispute," Deputy

Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee said after the trial. "This is big-city crime over a neighborhood feud."

During the trial, Felmlee played a surveillance video from the 700 block of Madison Street that he said showed two SUVs rented by Miller's parents streaking down the block with two muzzle blasts coming from the passenger side of the first vehicle.

That's where witness Daryl Slaughter testified he saw Miller sit-

ting as he shot at Slaughter on the porch of 710 Madison St.

However, two of Miller's friends testified they spent the night of the shooting with Miller at his home, playing video games.

Witnesses said problems started when Miller and a friend came to a home at 700 Madison St. earlier in the day. According to testimony, Miller and his friend got into an argument

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