

Teen pleads in drive-by case

Garland to serve eight years on charges from July shooting



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A Lynchburg teenager pleaded guilty Friday to five felonies in connection with a July 15 drive-by shooting in which prosecutors say the wrong person was shot.

Michael Marcus Garland Jr., 19, pleaded guilty to malicious wounding, use of a firearm in commission of a felony, maliciously shooting at an occupied dwelling, shooting from a vehicle and possession of a firearm by a convicted violent felon. Lynchburg Circuit Court Judge Mosby Perrow sentenced Garland to serve eight years in prison.

"This resolution today secures five felony convictions, takes a shooter off the streets for the next eight years and puts into place up to 20 years of probation for

authorities to be able to monitor this defendant's activities should he ever be released," Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee said after the hearing.

Felmlee told Perrow that Garland was one of two men who shot at a 24-year-old Lynchburg man on the 1700 block of Taylor Street.

Felmlee said Garland and three other men had been cruising the city looking for

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