

Drug dealer tied to Mexican cartel sentenced

City man considered a 'high level' associate to serve 20 years in prison

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A Lynchburg man accused of being a high-level cocaine dealer with ties to a Mexican drug cartel will serve 20 years in prison.

Terrence Overton Barbour, 29, was found guilty by a jury in May on three counts of distribution of cocaine and three counts of distributing cocaine near a school. Barbour appeared Wednesday morning in Lynchburg Circuit



Terrence Overton Barbour brought in large quantities of cocaine in from N.C., officials said.

Court for sentencing.

Judge F. Patrick Yeatts said the jury could have considered a sentence in this case between 18 years

and life in prison.

"They gave you two years on top of the minimum," Yeatts said. "This court sees no reason to depart downward."

Barbour's arrest came in December 2013 in a cocaine sting, after several months of investigation by the Lynchburg Police

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