

Man gets four years for police pursuit

Pleaded guilty to charges related to Aug. 15 chase

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When sober, Adam Thomas Robertson is a model family member, friend and business owner, his defense attorney, Andrew Childress, said in court Wednesday.



But that "Dr. Jekyll" side of Robertson was not behind the wheel Aug. 15, the night he led Lynchburg police on a dangerous high-speed chase through city streets in an incident fueled by alcohol abuse, Childress said in Lynchburg Circuit Court.

"When [Robertson] drinks, he becomes Mr. Hyde," Childress said.

Robertson, 30, of Forest, pleaded guilty to eluding an officer; driving while intoxicated for the third time in five years; two counts of assaulting law enforcement; and two misdemeanor counts of possession of marijuana and refusing a breathalyzer test. He also was convicted of driving with a suspended license and hit-and-run with property damage in another incident in July 2012.

Judge F. Patrick Yeatts sentenced Robertson to four years and two months active time on all of the charges.