

# Lynchburg man sentenced for fleeing an officer, driving without a license

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A Lynchburg man who ran from an officer initiating a traffic stop and was then arrested for his sixth time driving without a license will spend 16 months in prison.

Joshua Lynn Sneed, 30, was charged July 20 with felony eluding an officer and misdemeanor driving without a license and false identification.

He pleaded guilty to all three charges Monday in front of Lynchburg Circuit Court Judge F. Patrick Yeatts.

Sneed also will have his li-

cence suspended for 14 months and must report to a probation officer for four years after his release.

According to Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee, Sneed likely will lose his license for longer than the 14-month term because of other violations.

In court Monday, Felmlee told Yeatts that Sneed had 22 active suspensions on his Department of Motor Vehicles transcript and has five prior convictions for driving on a suspended license.

Summarizing the commonwealth's evidence against Sneed, Felmlee said an officer



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spotted Sneed driving a black Nissan with an out-of-date registration at around 11 p.m. July 20.

When the officer tried to stop Sneed, he continued driving on Texas Avenue, running stop signs and reaching a speed of 57 mph in a 25 mph zone.

Sneed tried to evade officers by turning on Nevada Avenue and then onto dead-end Arkansas Avenue, Felmlee said.

Cornered, Sneed jumped out

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