

# Man pleads guilty to shootings

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Kevin Dwayne Napier circled the block in a blue Ford Focus once before he and another man opened fire on five people sitting on the porch at 1003 Pierce St.

It was just after 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13.

Desmond L. Jackson, 19, dove for the front door when he was shot in the back. Jeremy J. Hubbard, 18, also ran for the door when he was shot in the foot. The Focus sped off.

In court Friday, prosecutors said the shooting was retaliatory gang behavior.

Napier, 23, a former gang-related shooting victim himself, pleaded guilty Friday to the shootings. He was scheduled to face a jury trial Monday.

The eight felonies are two counts of malicious wounding, two counts of using a firearm during the commission of a felony,

two counts of shooting from a vehicle, one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and one count of maliciously discharging a firearm.

He faces up to 83 years in prison when he is sentenced May 6.

Napier told others that Jeremy Hubbard had pointed a gun at him earlier that day and that he went there to kill him, Lynchburg Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee told Circuit Judge Mosby Perrow.

"He said that Jeremy Hubbard had flashed rival gang signs and that he found that disrespectful," Felmlee said, adding that Napier said he also found it disrespectful that Hubbard was on his gang's turf.

Though Napier told police he had been in the car and had a gun with him, he said he never fired it, Felmlee said.

"As a lieutenant in the Crips, he said he had people who could do it for him,"

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