

Two jailed for stealing from cars

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Christopher Hackett told probation officers that a binge on booze and Nicholas Cage inspired a midwinter crime spree of car break-ins in Lynchburg.

On Friday, Hackett and Toby Luman, both former Liberty University students, were sentenced to three months in jail.

Lynchburg Circuit Court Judge J. Leyburn Mosby convicted each of the 19-year-olds of nine felonies and one misdemeanor.

Their total sentence was nine years and six months, but Mosby suspended all but three months.

The students' three-week-long rampage, from late January to late February, netted them more than \$14,000 in stolen goods.

"The thefts occurred all over Lynchburg," Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee said.

The thefts occurred after the two young men repeatedly watched the Nicholas Cage movie, "Gone in 60 Seconds," a film that glorifies quick-hit car thefts.

Part of the students' ill-gotten bounty was never recovered. Hackett and Luman

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