

City man admits role in break-in, gun battle

Robbery attempt rouses
residents in early morning

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One of four masked men accused of breaking into a city home at night and trying to rob the residents at gunpoint pleaded guilty Monday.

Darnell O'Brian Goins, 21, of Lynchburg, also admitted to shooting at the residents when they began shooting at him as he ran from the residence.

Lynchburg Circuit Judge J. Leyburn Mosby Jr. convicted Goins of attempted robbery, maliciously shooting at an occupied building, illegally wearing a mask, two firearm charges and statutory burglary with intent to commit rape, robbery or murder while armed with a deadly weapon.

He faces a minimum of eight years in prison, but could get up to life plus 33 years.

Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee said the attack scared one resident so badly that he jumped out a second floor window while another hid on the roof.

Felmlee told the judge that four masked men kicked in the back door of the home at 1624 Shaffer St. around 2:30 a.m. on May 10, 2005. They demanded money and put a gun to one resident's head before eventually running out the back door.

That's when one of the residents began shooting at the men, Felmlee said. The intruders returned fire and

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