

Man shot by police pleads guilty to drug charge

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A man shot by a Lynchburg Police narcotics investigator in December pleaded guilty on Tuesday to attempted cocaine distribution.

Eric Dion Mays, 27, of Lynchburg, signed a plea agreement with prosecutors and was sentenced by Circuit Judge Mosby Perrow to 10 years in prison, with all but three years suspended.

Mays was scheduled for a jury trial next week in Lynchburg Circuit Court, where he would have faced between five and 40 years if convicted.

Vice investigators met with informants on Dec. 16 and showed them a book containing pictures of people wanted by the Lynchburg Police Department, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee said Tuesday.

When the informants recognized Mays' picture, the investigators got them to call Mays and ask him if he could sell them an ounce of cocaine, Felmlee said.

Investigators followed Mays from Lynchburg High Apartments on Park Avenue to a car wash on Fifth Avenue, where the informants would buy the drugs, Felmlee said.

But Mays did not stop at the car wash and was pulled over by police around 8:30 p.m. near the

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