

Local Brief

**Police chase lands man
two-plus years in prison**

A high-speed chase through city streets ending in a motorcycle wreck led to more than two years behind bars for a Lynchburg man.

Lewis Edward Fields, 44, was sentenced Wednesday in Lynchburg Circuit Court for felony eluding and misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. He pleaded guilty to the charges Oct. 5.

Early on the morning of Jan. 3, Fields led police on a nearly 10-minute chase in Lynchburg, that turned onto numerous streets and sometimes reached 100 miles per hour and at times headed the wrong way against traffic, prosecutors

**Fields**

said.

Fields eventually crashed the motorcycle and was captured after a brief foot chase, police said. No one was reported injured.

On the felony eluding charge, Fields was sentenced to five years of incarceration with three years suspended, and his license was suspended for 12 months, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee said in an email to The News & Advance.

Fields also was sentenced to three months behind bars on the charge of driving on a suspended license, and his license was suspended for an additional 90-days, the email said.

After release, Fields will be on supervised probation for 18 months. Circuit Judge Ed Burnette also ordered him to be on good behavior for seven years.

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