

Man sentenced for area car break-ins

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A judge ordered nearly six months behind bars as the active sentence for a Lynchburg man's multiple convictions tied to a rash of vehicle break-ins along Fort Avenue this spring.

Montez Rashad Hubbard, 19, who admitted Oct. 17 to several larcenies in May along with another Lynchburg man, received a total sentence Wednesday of five months and 20 days in consecutive jail terms.

Lynchburg Circuit Judge Ed Burnette ordered 18 months of supervised probation for Hubbard after his release, with the



Hubbard

probation office conducting regular drug screens due to Hubbard testing positive for PCP Oct. 31 while on bond.

Hubbard was remanded to the jail's custody Wednesday to begin serving his sentence.

Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee urged at least some jail time for Hubbard on Wednesday, saying Lynchburg residents are frustrated by car break-ins, and the crime violates their sense of security.

"This is a crime spree that occurred May 6 to May 9. There were multiple victims," he said, adding

the offenses tied to Hubbard were associated with four victims.

Hubbard took a tablet, iPhone, Glock and revolver during the break-ins, Felmlee said. After being caught, Hubbard took authorities around the city and helped them recover stolen items.

All of the items Hubbard stole were recovered except for two gun holsters and a phone case valued at a total of \$150, which he must pay in restitution.

Not counting time suspended, Hubbard was sentenced to one month on each of two firearm larcenies; one month on possession of stolen firearm; and 10 days on each of two petit larcenies, five counts of tampering with a vehicle and one count of obstruction

of justice.

Felmlee said under the various statutes violated, Hubbard could have faced up to 53 years total.

Hubbard told the court he was sorry for what he had done, and it would not happen again.

His lawyer, Gary Straw, urged leniency for his client, noting he had helped authorities recover the stolen items. "He admitted to all the offenses," he said. "It shows ... a willingness to cooperate."

Straw also noted the lack of an earlier criminal history for Hubbard and previous stints at steady work as proof "he can contribute to society."

Shyheim Horsley, the other man charged in the case, is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 28.