

Man gets seven years in '09 drive-by shooting

Pleads guilty to firearm, wounding charges

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A Lynchburg man was sentenced to seven years in prison Friday for his role in a July 2009 drive-by shooting.

Nicardo Wood, 31, pleaded guilty to malicious wounding, shooting at an occupied dwelling, shooting from a vehicle, use of a firearm in commission of a felony



Wood

and being a nonviolent felon in possession of a firearm.

Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee told the court that July 15,

2009, Wood and three others went driving around Lynchburg, armed, looking for a man named Orlando.

Felmlee said Wood claimed

someone named Orlando had pulled a gun on him the night before at a Campbell Avenue convenience store and he was looking for revenge.

The men found the wrong "Orlando" it turns out, the prosecutor said, but shot him anyway, along with the house he was standing in front of in the 1700 block of Taylor Street.

"An innocent man was shot for no reason," Felmlee told Lynchburg Circuit Court Judge Mosby Perrow.

Perrow sentenced Wood to a

total of 19 years with all but seven suspended. Five of those years came in mandatory minimum sentences on the gun charges.

Felmlee asked for a sentence of 10 years, saying Wood was the ringleader when codefendant Michael Marcus Garland pleaded guilty to similar charges in February and was sentenced to eight years in prison.

Wood's lawyer, Mark Arthur, said the reason Garland was sentenced to a longer term was because he was already a convicted violent felon.