

Lynchburg man sentenced in 'crime spree' of thefts from cars

Gets almost eight months in Fort Avenue incidents; co-defendant sentenced last week

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A Lynchburg man has received a nearly eight-month jail sentence for his part in what prosecutors called a "crime spree" of larcenies from vehicles in May.

Shyheim Shamane Horsley, 20, pleaded guilty in October to four felony and 13 misdemeanor counts stemming from a series of incidents along Fort Avenue. Police said numerous items were taken from unlocked vehicles, most of which investigators later recovered.

Horsley's co-defendant in



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took place May 6 to 9.

Lynchburg Circuit Judge Ed Burnette pronounced Horsley's sentence — which amounts to a series of short consecutive jail terms on each of the 17 charges — on Wednesday. The judge said he was departing from guidelines calling for probation because of how many different charges police filed, saying

the case, Montez Rashad Hubbard, 19, was sentenced last week to almost six months behind bars for the offenses, which prosecutors said

"the sheer number of people affected by this crime spree is significant."

Horsley, who court records show has been jailed since June 1, already has served most of the sentence handed down Wednesday because he received credit for time served.

Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee, as he had during the Hubbard sentencing, urged jail time in response to frustration he said local residents felt with vehicle tampering and larcenies from unlocked cars. "You name it, they were getting their hands on it," he said.

After experiencing such a crime, the victims always are on the lookout, he said. "It's an

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