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District Man Sentenced to Eight-Year Prison Term For Shooting - Followed Victim From Convenience Store, Opened Fire on Street -

WASHINGTON - Benjamin Johnson, 24, of Washington, D.C., was sentenced today to an eight-year prison term for shooting a man after tailing him from a convenience store last year, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Johnson pled guilty in January 2011 in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to charges of assault with intent to kill and possession of a firearm during a crime of violence. He was sentenced today by the Honorable Ann O'Regan Keary, who also ordered that he be placed on three years of supervised release upon completion of his prison term.

At the plea hearing, Johnson acknowledged that he was inside a convenience store in the 1300 block of North Capitol Street NW in the early morning hours of September 14, 2010. The victim entered the store and recognized Johnson from the neighborhood. No words were exchanged between the men. The victim left the store and walked to the west in the unit block of New York Avenue NW. Johnson approached the victim from behind and began shooting at him, firing at least six shots. The victim was hit in the leg, buttocks, and arm.

Video obtained from the convenience store shows that after the victim left the store, the defendant took out a gun from his waistband. He then put the gun into his waistband and left the store in the same direction as the victim.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the outstanding investigative work of Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Detectives Robert Saunders, Steven Greene, Thomas Smith, Chanel Howard, Sabrina White, and Joseph Oh; MPD Officers Rodney Anderson, Michael Baker, Lamont Brown, Babar Dass, Jonathan Dorrrough, James Ginger, Brian Glover, Takia Greene, Danny McCullough, Rachel Pitzen, and Adam Snapko; MDP Crime Scene Technicians Bernard Lyons and Janice Brown. U.S. Attorney Machen also commended the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony Saler, who indicted the case.