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18-year-old Goes to Prison for February Shooting and Possessing Automatic Weapon

On November 12, 2025, Nasir Holliday, age 18, pled guilty to Discharging a Weapon Into an Occupied Dwelling, two counts of Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill, Possession of a Weapon of Mass Destruction, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. Senior Resident Superior Court Judge R. Kent Harrell sentenced Holliday to 82 -120 months in prison.

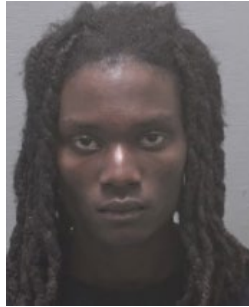
On February 3, 2025, deputies with New Hanover County Sheriff's Office respond to Chair Road in northern New Hanover County in response to multiple rounds being fired into a residence. When deputies arrived, they spoke with two individuals who told deputies they were inside the residence at the time of the shooting. Deputies on scene located 62 shell casings at the intersection of Dutton Road and Chair Road, all of which were 9mm. These shell casings were located approximately 71 yards away from the home, and further investigation revealed that at least 26 of the 62 rounds fired struck the occupied residence. Based on preliminary findings, it is believed that three different weapons were used in the shooting.

On February 4, 2025, detectives with the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office determined that Holliday, who was wearing an ankle monitor as a condition of his probation, was at the intersection of Dutton Road and Chair Road at the time of the shooting. Detectives were able to pull surveillance footage from various locations within New Hanover County and the City of Wilmington and determine he was driving a dark grey Infiniti, which they later learned was registered to a family member of Holliday.

On February 5, 2025, the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office served arrest warrants on Holliday for the shooting and executed a search warrant at his home off Rockhill Road in New Hanover County. During the execution of that search warrant, deputies located Glock 19 handgun with a 50 round drum magazine that contained 45 live rounds of ammunition and one live round in the chamber. Upon further inspection, deputies found the firearm was equipped with a machine gun conversion device or "Glock Switch" that converted the weapon from a semiautomatic firearm to a fully automatic weapon. The weapon was processed by the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office and a latent fingerprint belonging to Holliday was located on the drum magazine. The firearm was also reported stolen out of New Hanover County.

Holliday has prior felony convictions for Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill and Possession of a Firearm with an Altered or Removed Serial Number from September of 2024, for which he was on probation at the time of this offense.

“My office is making a concerted effort, along with law enforcement and community partners, to interrupt violent use of firearms by young people,” said District Attorney Jason W. Smith. “This conviction, the second in just over a year for this offender, represents the outcome of that effort. While we will continue to show mercy in appropriate cases, we will not shy away from lengthy prison sentences for offenders whose conduct warrants such punishment.”



Nasir Holliday