

# Man who aimed car at police gets 7 years

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A 20-year-old Kansas City man was sentenced Wednesday to seven years in prison for threatening federal officers with an automobile.

U.S. District Judge Nanette Laughrey said the sentence, more than twice as long as prosecutors had expected, would give Christopher Cooper plenty of time to

consider the direction his life has taken. The judge noted that Cooper had a long record of assaults before his latest conviction.

A co-defendant in the case, Daris Mack, is awaiting his sentence.

Authorities arrested Cooper and Mack on Feb. 9 after a four-mile car chase through central Kansas City.

According to court records, the Kansas City Police Department's Career Criminal Unit had watched as the men burglarized at least

three homes. As authorities prepared to arrest them, Mack and Cooper sped directly toward vehicles and officers. Investigators arrested the two near 33rd Street and Wabash Avenue after puncturing their tires.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mike Warner said Wednesday that officers had considered shooting the pair but did not because investigators or innocent bystanders might have been hit.

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