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Wichita, Kansas – A man was sentenced to prison for stealing several cars in south Wichita last year. District Court Judge Stephen Ternes sentenced Carter Branham, 20 of Wichita, to 31 months in prison.

In addition to the auto thefts between July and November, Branham also led law enforcement officers on two police chases and fired a pistol at an occupied home.

Branham pled guilty last October to two counts of felony theft and one count of fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement. After Branham posted bond, he committed additional crimes. In February, he pled guilty to four counts of felony theft, one count of fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement and one count of criminal discharge of a firearm. Testing by the Sedgwick County Forensic Science Center matched the bullets found at the scene of a drive-by shooting to a weapon recovered from a stolen car linked to Branham.

On Wednesday, Judge Ternes ordered Branham to pay over \$12,000 in combined restitution to the victims. The conviction for criminal discharge will require Branham to register as a violent offender once released from prison.

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