

***The Giddings Star***

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**Would-Be Church  
Benefactor Gets  
2-5 Year Term**

William Morris White, the man who had promised to build a \$300,000 church for the Zionsville Lutheran congregation, pleaded guilty to two charges of felony theft in District Judge Leslie D. Williams court at Brenham Monday.

He was given two to five years in state penitentiary in each case, the sentences to run concurrently.

White had promised to build the church from money he was due to receive, he said, from an inheritance. While awaiting the inheritance White had received loans from Henry Lehrmann Sr. of Brenham who brought charges against White when it appeared that the inheritance story was a hoax.