

Bank robbery earns guilty plea

(KAIR)--A Leavenworth man Monday pleaded guilty to the armed robbery of a bank.

That word comes in a release from the office of U.S. Attorney Stephen McAllister.

According to the release, 26-year-old Damon Hammeke pleaded guilty to one count of armed bank robbery and one count of brandishing a firearm during a robbery.

In his plea, Hammeke admitted robbing the Country Club Bank, located at 2310 South 4th Street, in Leavenworth, on November 21, 2017.

He entered the bank wearing a white jacket and black mask while carrying a handgun.

Hammeke left the bank with money.

He was caught two days later following a high speed chase that began with an attempted traffic stop in Tonganoxie. The chase went through Basehor, Lansing, Leavenworth, Platte County, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas before authorities were able to apprehend Hammeke.

Sentencing is set for July 22.

He faces a penalty of up to 25 years in federal prison and a fine up to \$250,000 on the robbery charge as well as not less than seven years and a fine up to \$250,000 on the firearm charge.

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