

Leavenworth bank robber sentenced

(KNZA)--A Leavenworth man has been sentenced to nearly 13 years in federal prison for the armed robbery of a Leavenworth bank in 2017.

The office of U.S. Attorney Stephen McAllister said 26-year-old Damon Hammeke was sentenced Tuesday to 154 months in prison on one count each of armed bank robbery and brandishing a fireman during a robbery.

He pleaded guilty to the charges in April.

In his plea, Hammeke admitted that on Nov. 21, 2017, he robbed the Country Club Bank in Leavenworth. He entered the bank wearing a white jacket and black mask while carrying a handgun. He left the bank with money.

Hammeke was caught two days later following a high speed chase that began after a Tonganoxie police officer attempted to stop him for a traffic offense. The chase went through Tonganoxie, Basehor, Lansing, Leavenworth, Platte County, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas before he was finally stopped.

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