

Wig-wearing man who ran from police awaits sentencing

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A 39-year-old man who used a blonde wig in an attempt to conceal his identity has been found guilty on an individual count of **attempted interference with law enforcement**.

Simon N. Pohl, a St. Joseph, Missouri man, ran from Leavenworth police officers on August 15, 2023, while wearing a wig. Pohl was known to police and had warrants out for his arrest. Pohl was walking near 12th and Ottawa Streets when a uniformed police officer confronted him. The officer asked Pohl to stop, but Pohl continued walking away. As Pohl walked away, he denied his name was Simon and ran when he was told there was a warrant for his arrest.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, “Some people will go great lengths to avoid apprehension, but it’s never smart to run from police. It’s dangerous, and the culprit will usually get caught and will most likely serve even more time than if they just cooperated to begin with.”

Phol pled guilty during an arraignment hearing on November 17, 2023.

Pohl is scheduled for sentencing on December 20, 2023