

Driver who stole gas ordered to wear sign

BOZEMAN — A man who put gas in his vehicle and drove off without paying has been ordered to wear a sign announcing his crime, and spend four hours standing in front of the gas station where he committed it.

A judge ordered 24-year-old Cassidy Underwood of Manhattan to wear a sign saying "I stole gas at this store." However, Underwood was given a deadline of Thursday to show up at Thriftway Conoco and did not appear. That's likely to bring an arrest warrant and may cause Justice Court Judge Scott Wyckman to reconsider the sentence.

Thriftway manager Viki Clayton liked the penalty. She said the business stood to get its money, along with the satisfaction of spreading the word that driving off without paying won't be tolerated.

Clayton said people who filled up and didn't pay cost the business \$350 last month alone.