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today, of bond jumping. Sentencing will be deferred at least
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Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., where he is serving a one-year term on a Federal firearms violation. DePugh
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Minutemen Chief Quickly Found Guilty

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KANSAS CITY (AP) — A U.S. district court jury took but 48 minutes yesterday to convict Robert Bolivar De-Pugh, leader of the Minutemen organization, on a charge of bond jumping.

The sentencing of DePugh, 46, of Norborne, Mo., will be deferred at least 25 days. He was returned to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., where he is serving a one-year term on a federal firearms violation.

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The defense failed to call a witness even though it sub-poenaed 11, including Jim Garrison, district attorney of Orleans Parish in Louisiana.

Robert Duncan, a defense attorney, said he thought there was enough reversible error in the trial that it can be won on appeal.

DePugh was charged with willful failure to appear for trial in U.S. District Court in Kansas City Dec. 3, 1968.