Man arrested after dressing up in 'Grim Reaper' costume on hospital roof and staring at patients

A 26-year-old man climbed on a hospital roof dressed as a 'crow' which resembles a Grim Reaper outfit, as he flaunted a long knife has now been fined for his nuisance behaviour

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The scene at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd hospital in St Asaph, Denbighshire (Image: WALES NEWS SERVICE)

A 'Grim Reaper' who climbed onto an hospital roof scaring visitors has now been fined.

Leon Gillespie, 26, pleaded guilty to causing a nuisance without reasonable excuse on NHS premises, and was handed a £200 fine by Llandudno Magistrates in North Wales.

He dressed up in a 'Grim Reaper'-style outfit at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd hospital in St Asaph, Denbighshire, and climbed onto the roof where he stared at staff and visitors.

Gillespie had a long blade and was making noise on the hospital building. He was dressed in a black outfit that he later described as a crow costume, leaving visitors of the hospital in for a shock on June 6.

Four police cars and fire service vehicles were called to the hospital and eventually managed to get him down. They had been sent alerts that a man was dressed in black from head-to-toe, and was standing above the entrance to the hospital. Gillespie did not give a reason for the behaviour.

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Gillespie also was charged on other offences (Image: WALES NEWS SERVICE)

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Gillespie also stole £30 to £40 of cat food and litter from a local Pets at Home on March 26, along with food and drink from Sainsbury's in Llandudno on May 28, a court heard. He was ordered to pay £100 in fines, £100 in cost to the Crown Prosecution Service and £50 in compensation.

A spokesperson for Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board said: "The health board has previously stated it has a zero tolerance approach to abuse, aggression or nuisance within its hospital sites."

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At the time of the incident, a spokesperson for North Wales Police said: "He was charged with other than for the purpose of obtaining medical advice, treatment or care, caused, without reasonable excuse, a nuisance or disturbance to a National Health Service staff member who was working there or was otherwise there in connection with work, and refused, without reasonable excuse, to leave the premises when asked to do so by a constable."

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