Bristol man rolls his eyes as he admits sharing Islamic terrorist tutorials

From the <u>he's actually a Spanish Nationa</u>l, but I suppose he lives in Bristol now) found with bomb-making manuals and recipes on making poison has admitted sharing "terrorist tutorials" and having a stash of bomb and poison-making instructions.

Souhaib Embarek, 24, had initially admitted five charges of possession of information useful to a terrorist but denied two charges of disseminating terror documents. But mid-way through the opening of his trial at the Old Bailey on Wednesday, he changed his plea and admitted one of the dissemination charges.

Embarek, a Spanish national, rolled his eyes as he entered a guilty plea by video link from Wandsworth Prison.

Prosecutor Joel Smith said the Crown considered it was not in the public interest to pursue the trial on the remaining count, relating to an alleged Islamic State "call to arms".

He invited Judge Philip Katz QC to order that charge to lie on file and discharge the jury.

Prosecutor Joel Smith said Embarek threw a mobile phone from his bedroom window as his Clifton home was stormed by armed police in December 2019. He said: "After being arrested, he denied to police that he even had a mobile telephone. Notwithstanding his attempts to frustrate the police, a number of mobile phones and a computer that he was using were recovered." Material relating to weapons, poison, violence and terrorism, in particular radical Islamic ideology, was found on the devices at his home in Tyndale Court, The dissemination charge, which Embarek admitted on Wednesday related to three audio files in Arabic which amounted to "terrorist tutorials", Mr Smith said. The jihadi "lessons" instructed on communication and surveillance security and having a cover story, the Old Bailey was told. The other dissemination charge, which Embarek denied, related to another audio file containing a speech by an official spokesman of Islamic State.

Embarek will be sentenced at a later date.