

Man fined RM900 for hitting student, 14, over misunderstanding involving nephew

SIBU: A 32-year-old man was yesterday fined RM900 in default 14 days in jail after he pleaded guilty at the Magistrates' Court here to causing hurt to a 14-year-old student last month.

Wilson Pating, 32, from Sungai Mapai, Kanowit made the plea after the charge under Section 319 of the Penal Code, punishable under Section 323 of the same

Code, was read to him before Magistrate Oon Kork Chern.

The Section provides a jail term of up to one year, or a maximum fine of RM2,000, or both, upon conviction.

He paid the fine.

Wilson committed the offence at an internet centre in Nanga Tada, Kanowit at about 2pm on March 5.

According to the facts of the case, the student was approached by two individuals, one of whom was Wilson who struck him on the left cheek and chest.

The incident stemmed from a misunderstanding between the victim and a fellow student—Wilson's nephew—which had been settled in front of their boarding school warden.

Acting on a report lodged, police summoned Wilson to record his statement, and he admitted to having hit the victim. This was after his nephew told him that the victim had hit him in school.

The prosecution was conducted by ASP Siti Mariyah Dahari, while Wilson was not represented by legal counsel.