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Indonesian fined RM3,000 for prostitution at reflexology centre

KUCHING: An Indonesian woman was fined RM3,000 in default three months' imprisonment by the Magistrates' Court here for soliciting customers for prostitution at a Batu Kawa reflexology centre.

Magistrate Nureina Syafika Mohd Najib imposed the sentence on Diana Sri Mondo, 31, from Singkawang after she pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 372B of the Penal Code.

The Section carries a penalty of up to one year in prison, or a fine, or both upon conviction.

According to the charge, Diana committed the offence at a reflexology centre on Jalan Batu Kawa at around 3.10pm on Oct 16.

Based on the facts of the case, police personnel conducted an 'Ops Noda' operation at the premises to detect prostitution-related activities.

During the operation, the team inspected an unnumbered room and found a local man and an Indonesian woman naked inside. Both were instructed to get dressed for further action.

Among the items seized were massage oil, an unused condom, wet and dry tissues, a towel, and RM250.



A policewoman escorts Diana at the court. — Photo by Hafizah Abdul Hamid

Further checks revealed that the Indonesian woman failed to produce valid travel documents.

For the immigration offence, Diana was charged under Section 15(1)(c) Immigration Act 1959/63 for overstaying in Malaysia.

She pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to four months in jail, effective from yesterday.

She was also ordered to be deported to her home country after completing the sentence.

The cases were prosecuted separately by deputy public prosecutors Ahmad Fauzulutfi Suriani and Marvind Kaliyani, while Diana was unrepresented by legal counsel.