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Jail, caning for man who beat mum after being told to bathe

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Mohd Rafizan (right) is escorted by a prison officer after sentencing.

KUCHING: A man who assaulted his mother with an umbrella after being told to take a bath was sentenced yesterday to five years' jail and three strokes of the cane.

Sessions Court judge Musli Ab Hamid ordered the sentence against Mohd Rafizan Joret, 41, who works as a closed-circuit television installer, to take effect from July 31, 2026, the date of his first mention in court.

Mohd Rafizan, who was charged under Section 324 of the Penal Code read together with Section 326A of the same Code, changed his plea to guilty during proceedings yesterday.

According to the charge, he committed the offence against his 62-year-old mother at their home in Kampung Pulo Hilir, Petra Jaya here at about 9am on June 29, 2026.

Based on the facts of the case, Mohd Rafizan slapped his mother's right cheek and threw an umbrella at her chest after becoming angry when she told him to take a bath.

During the incident, he also became aggressive and threatened to damage a car belonging to one of his siblings.

Fearing for her safety, the mother lodged a police report which led to the accused's arrest on July 1.

Police investigations found that the incident occurred after the victim told him to bathe as he had not showered since returning from work the previous night and was emitting an unpleasant body odour.

The victim sustained soft tissue injuries to her right cheek and the centre of her chest, as confirmed by a medical report.

Further investigations also revealed that Mohd Rafizan tested positive in a urine screening test and had seven previous criminal convictions.

His previous offences comprised one case under Section 506 of the Penal Code, two cases under Section 427 of the same Code, three cases under Section 15(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, and one case under Section 12(3) of the same Act.

Deputy public prosecutor Aiman Zarith Zahrullail prosecuted, while Mohd Rafizan was represented by National Legal Aid Foundation lawyer Vanessa Yii Tze Thong.