

Man caught on CCTV stealing durians, cash jailed six months, fined RM2,500

SIBU: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday sentenced a man to six months in prison and fined him RM2,500 after he pleaded guilty to separate charges of stealing durians and RM300 in cash.

Alfhonsus Chong, 45, from Serian was charged before Magistrate Oon Kork Chern with two counts of theft under Section 379 of the Penal Code.

On the first count, he was sentenced to six months' jail and fined RM1,000 in default one month's imprisonment for stealing seven durians worth RM245 from a house in Kampung Nangka at around 2.35am on Sept 24, 2026.

The court heard that the complainant discovered several durians intended for sale missing from the front of the house, along with a basket and a knife.

The theft was captured on

closed-circuit television camera (CCTV), leading to the accused's arrest the next day.

On the second count, Alfhonsus was fined RM1,500 in default two months' jail for stealing RM300 from a self-service laundromat on Jalan Lanang at about 3.35am on Sept 24.

The theft was discovered when the complainant found the cash machine inside the premises had been opened and its lock damaged, with its contents missing.

Similar to the durian theft, the accused was also caught on the laundromat's CCTV prising open the machine and stealing the money inside.

Alfhonsus, who was unrepresented by counsel, failed to pay the fines.

Prosecuting was deputy public prosecutor Keshava Rao Tharma Raja.