



Liew and a policeman exit the courtroom after proceedings. — Photo by Kentigern Minggu

Man hired to promote illegal moneylending service fined RM2,500

KUCHING: A 31-year-old man was fined RM2,500, in default one month's jail, by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for assisting in advertising an unlicensed moneylender last year.

Magistrate Nureina Syafika Mohd Najib convicted Liew Nyek Fui on his own guilty plea to a charge under Section 29AA of the Moneylenders Act 1951, which provides for up to two years' jail or a fine not exceeding RM20,000, or both.

The offence was committed in front of a home improvement retail store in Siburan Bazaar at around 2pm on Sept 2 last year.

According to the facts of the case, a policeman lodged a report

after noticing two men placing what appeared to be business cards on a door handle of a car parked in front of the store.

The cards advertised a business offering unlicensed moneylending services.

Police later detained the two men, one of whom was Liew, and seized 53 pieces of the business cards.

During interrogation, Liew admitted to placing several business cards advertising moneylending services and receiving RM60 for carrying out the task.

The prosecution was conducted by deputy public prosecutor Muhammad Aidil Akmal Sharidan, while Liew did not have legal representation.