

Five charged with trafficking 42kg meth acquitted



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KUCHING: The High Court here yesterday discharged and acquitted five persons charged with trafficking more than 42kg of methamphetamine three years ago.

Justice Datuk Leonard David Shim ordered Shirley Toh Mee Yee, Matthew Chin Yun Onn, Dellon Jong Wei Hong, Alan Lim Ing Tack and Queenie Chang Lee Pin to be discharged and acquitted after ruling that the prosecution had failed to establish a prima facie case against them.

The five were charged under Section 39B(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 read together with Section 34 of the Penal Code with trafficking 42.2kg of methamphetamine at a hotel on Jalan Nanas here at about 12.30pm on Oct 12, 2023.

Based on previous media reports, the accused were arrested when they were aged



The five accused (wearing face masks) are seen with their counsels at the court complex. – Photo by Desiree David

between 17 and 22 years old.

It was also reported that the 42.2kg of methamphetamine was valued at RM1.4 million.

A total of 15 prosecution witnesses were called during the trial.

Shirley, Dellon and Queenie were represented by lawyers Alex Kong, Tiong Ing Neng and Patrick Voon, together with pupil-in-chambers Amarpriti Singh.

Matthew was represented

by Steven Beti and Gerald Empaling Donald, while Alan was represented by Lim Lian Kee.

The prosecution was handled by deputy public prosecutor Mohd Fillany Siji.