

Gambling online in public costs man RM2,000

MIRI: A 34-year-old man was fined RM2,000 in default two months' jail by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for engaging in online gambling in a public place.

Maxmillen Andam of Bandar Baru Permyjaya, here, pleaded guilty before Magistrate Ashok Linggam to a charge framed under Section 7(2) of the Common Gaming Houses Act 1953.

The Section provides for a maximum fine of RM5,000, or up to six months' jail, or both, upon conviction.

According to the facts of the case, police conducted a check on a shop lot in Taman Tunku and detained Maxmillen for suspected involvement in online gambling.

Upon further examination of a mobile phone belonging to the accused, gambling applications were found on the device. In mitigation, Maxmillen pleaded for leniency as it was his first offence.

Insp Mudzilawati Abdul Rahman prosecuted the case, while the accused was unrepresented.