

Man jailed 12 months for retaining stolen items

KUCHING: A 30-year-old man was jailed 12 months by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for retaining a stolen purse, keys and personal documents.

Magistrate Mason Jaro Lenya Barayan meted out the sentence against Stephanie, who goes by a single name, after he pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 411 of the Penal Code.

The Section provides for a jail term of between six months and five years, and a fine, upon conviction.

Based on the facts of the case, a 41-year-old woman discovered her handbag stolen from her unlocked car parked in front of a shop at Jalan Penrissen here on

July 2, 2024.

The stolen bag contained a luxury-brand purse, two mobile phones, RM200, bank cards, identification cards belonging to her and her children, keys, and other items.

Acting on a report lodged by the victim, police arrested Stephanie at a house in Jalan Capital Garden here at around 12.10pm on July 25.

Seized from him were the victim's purse, two bank cards, four identification cards, a driving licence, a bunch of keys, and a bakery membership card.

Insp Merylene Lindan Andrew Mang prosecuted the case, while Stephanie was unrepresented.