

Man jailed five months for stealing teacher's phone

KUCHING: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday sentenced a man to five months' imprisonment for stealing a mobile phone belonging to a teacher at a secondary school last month.

Arif Firdaus Sarbini, 31, entered a plea of guilty before Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan after the charge under Section 380 of the Penal Code was read to him.

The Section provides for up to 10 years' jail and a fine, upon

conviction.

He committed the offence at the school located along Jalan Depo here at about 12.40pm on April 13.

Based on the facts of the case, the 49-year-old teacher discovered that her laptop bag containing important documents had gone missing from a chair in front of the school's administrative office.

Acting on a report lodged by the teacher, police arrested Arif at

a house in Kampung Samariang, Jaya, Petra Jaya two days later.

This was after a review of the school's closed-circuit television (CCTV) recording confirmed the accused had committed the theft.

Seized from him were a black sling bag, the teacher's mobile phone and documents, and a folding knife.

Deputy public prosecutor Muhammad Afiq Safly Nor Kazly prosecuted, while the accused was unrepresented.