

# Labourer who choked, slapped stepdaughter for stepping on his leg jailed one month

**MIRI:** A labourer was sentenced by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday to one month in jail for choking and slapping his six-year-old stepdaughter.

The 48-year-old accused pleaded guilty before Magistrate Ashok Linggam to a charge of voluntarily causing hurt, framed under Section 323 of the Penal Code.

The Section provides up to one year in prison or a fine not

exceeding RM2,000, or both, upon conviction.

He committed the offence at a house here at about 7pm on Aug 17, 2025. The facts of the case stated that the accused, who had earlier returned from work under the influence of alcohol, was asleep in the living room when his stepdaughter accidentally stepped on his leg while she was playing.

He reacted by choking and

slapping the girl.

In mitigation, the accused pleaded for leniency, saying he had acted out of stress due to problems at work.

Meanwhile in the same courtroom, a 38-year-old man was sentenced to five months in prison for abusing amphetamine and methamphetamine.

Magistrate Ashok convicted Wong Tiong Hock on his own guilty plea to a charge under

Section 15(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, punishable under Section 15(1) of the same Act.

The accused was tested drug-positive at the Miri Narcotics Criminal Investigation Division office at around 1.30pm on April 13 this year.

Deputy public prosecutor Luqman Hakim Sahrol Bahar prosecuted both cases, while the two accused were unrepresented by legal counsel.