

# Man gets jail, whipping for striking senior citizen with wooden block

**MIRI:** A jobless man was sentenced to eight years in jail and three strokes of the cane by the Sessions' Court here yesterday for causing grievous hurt to an elderly man using a block of wood.

Judge Azreena Aziz meted out the sentence against Kennedy Alban Sigai of Tansang, Betong, after considering several factors including his guilty plea, appeal for leniency, the severity of the offence, and public interest surrounding the case.

Kennedy was charged under Section 326 of the Penal Code for voluntarily causing grievous hurt by dangerous means.

The offence carries a

maximum sentence of 20 years' imprisonment, a fine, or whipping upon conviction.

According to facts of the case, Kennedy had intentionally caused grievous injury to William Ngau Taja, 63, using a block of wood.

He committed the offence on April 14 this year at 8.40am at the bus terminal in Jalan Padang here.

The court ordered sentence to take effect from the date of arrest, which was on April 14.

Deputy Public Prosecutor David Bakit Nuing prosecuted the case, while Kennedy was not represented by legal counsel.