



The four accused are pictured with their counsels Jong (right) and Lian Kee (front, second right) after sentencing. — Photo by Kentigern Minggu

Armed robbery: Four jailed 6 years; three get whipping



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KUCHING: Four men were each sentenced to six years in jail by the Sessions Court here yesterday for committing armed gang robbery at a mini-mart here two years ago.

Judge Afidah Abdul Rahman also sentenced three of the accused – Hanson Kuek Char Ping, 26; Ewan Mortada, 29; and Nicky Lim Wei Chi, 23 – to two strokes of the cane each.

The fourth accused, Chan Kwang Hui, 51, was spared

whipping as male offenders above the age of 50 cannot be sentenced to caning.

They pleaded guilty to an amended charge under Section 395 of the Penal Code, read together with Section 397 of the same Code, which provides for a maximum sentence of 20 years' jail and whipping, upon conviction.

Based on the facts of the case, the four accused entered a shop at Jalan Chan Bee Kiew here at around 6.35am on Dec 3, 2023, while brandishing a knife, machete and samurai sword.

They threatened a 33-year-old store worker and stole RM1,800 from the register, as well as the worker's backpack,

which contained his personal documents and RM400 in cash.

The robbers then fled in a vehicle registered under Chan's name.

In mitigation, lawyers representing the accused appealed for a lighter sentence, citing their clients' guilty plea, cooperation during the police investigation, and their financial responsibilities towards their families.

The prosecution was led by deputy public prosecutor Ng Xiang Hua.

Chan and Kuek were represented by Lim Lian Kee, while Ewan and Nicky were represented by Russell Lim and Jong Yee Ling.