

Mechanic fined RM900 for punching car workshop customer

KUCHING: An Indonesian mechanic was fined RM900 in default two weeks in prison for punching a man during an altercation over the latter's car light bulb.

Jodi Aryanto, 35, pleaded guilty before Magistrate Leona Dominic Mojiliu to a charge under Section 334 of the Penal Code, which provides for up to a month in prison or a fine not exceeding RM1,000, or both, upon conviction.

He committed the offence at a car repair centre on Jalan Ensing Timur at about 11am on Aug 11, 2026.

Based on the case facts, the 50-year-old victim went to the repair centre to question the workers, including the accused, about his

car's yellow light bulb falling out from its original position.

One of the workers denied responsibility, while another worker—later identified as Jodi—punched the victim on the left eye and eyebrow, causing him to fall to the floor.

Police arrested Jodi following a report lodged by the victim.

Investigations found that during the confrontation, the victim had pointed his index finger at the accused in a provocative manner, resulting in the altercation that led to the assault.

Deputy public prosecutor Nurul Aqila Morsalin appeared for the prosecution, while the accused was unrepresented.