

Man fined for threatening to burn mum's house, jailed for drug abuse offence

KUCHING: A 21-year-old man who threatened to set his mother's house on fire was fined RM2,800 in default five-month imprisonment by the Magistrates' Court here.

Senior Assistant Registrar Syazwani Sajeli convicted Muhamad Kuzaini Herman after he pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 506 of the Penal Code for criminal intimidation, punishable under the second limb of the provision.

The Section provides for a jail term of up to seven years, or a fine, or both, upon conviction.

The offence was committed at

a restaurant on Jalan Saradise at about 4pm on May 19.

According to the facts of the case, Muhamad Kuzaini had gone to the restaurant, where his mother worked, and asked to borrow her mobile phone as he wanted to contact a friend.

However, his mother reprimanded him for frequently visiting the premises, fearing that her employer would notice his repeated presence at her workplace.

Dissatisfied with the reprimand, the accused threatened her, saying: 'I will burn the house later', which was

also heard by a witness at the scene.

Fearing for her safety, the mother lodged a police report, leading to his arrest.

Inspector Nur Syafiq Nyaie Illin prosecuted the case, while the accused was unrepresented.

In a separate proceeding, Muhamad Kuzaini was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment for drug abuse involving methamphetamine and amphetamine last August.

Magistrate Nursyaheeqa Nazwa Radzali convicted him under Section 15(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952.