

Light-fingered

supermarket cashiers jailed six weeks each

KUCHING: Two supermarket cashiers were each sentenced to a total of six weeks in jail after pleading guilty in the Magistrates' Court here yesterday to stealing from their workplace on three separate occasions.

Mas Faezah Anis Akawi, 29, and Ariffah Syawatie Man, 21, made the plea before Magistrate Syarifah Fatimah Azura Wan Ali to three charges under Section 381 of the Penal Code read together with Section 34 of the same Code.

The Section provides imprisonment for up to seven years and also liable to a fine, upon conviction. They were sentenced two weeks' jail for each charge, to be served concurrently from yesterday.

The offence was committed at a supermarket in Petra Jaya here on Oct 15, Oct 16, and Oct 17, 2024.

Based on the facts of the case, a security supervisor at the supermarket received an email on Oct 18 alleging misconduct by Mas Faezah and Ariffah.

A check of the premises' security cameras found the duo hiding unpaid-for items under the counter on Oct 15, and later putting the items into bags for a customer whom they were acquainted with without scanning any of them.

Security camera footage captured the next day showed Mas Faezah committing the same act, scanning only three out of seven items on her counter, with Ariffah this time posing as a customer and assisting her in perpetrating the crime.

Footage on Oct 17 showed Ariffah engaging in the same act by failing to scan two items, with no transaction or payment recorded.

Among the items stolen were three packets of chocolate drink, five packets of snacks, a strip of paracetamol tablets, and a packet of tissue. Total loss was RM98.90.

The two women were arrested on Oct 19 after a police report was lodged.