

Man gets total seven years, seven strokes for outraging modesty of underage nieces

SIBU: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday sentenced a 40-year-old man to a total of seven years' imprisonment and seven strokes of the cane for outraging the modesty of his two nieces between 2008 and 2013.

The man from Selangor pleaded guilty in separate courts before magistrates Oon Kork Chern and Romario Jono to five charges framed under Section 354 of the Penal Code.

The Section provides imprisonment for up to 10 years, or with a fine or whipping, or with any two of such punishments, upon conviction.

The five charges were for physically sexually assaulting the victims, who were both underage at the time, with intent to outrage their modesty by hugging and touching their body parts.

For the first and second charge, the accused was sentenced to three months' jail and one stroke of the cane each. For the third charge, he was sentenced to six months in prison and one stroke of the cane.

For the fourth and five charge, the court sentenced him to three years' jail and two strokes of the cane each.

Both magistrates ordered his

sentences to run concurrently from yesterday, meaning the accused will spend three years in prison.

The offences were committed between December 2008 and April 2015 at a house in a village here.

Based on the facts of the case, the victims and the accused stayed at the same house which belonged to the victims' grandmother.

The accused was arrested on Sept 29 at 12.30pm at Jalan Kampung Nyabor here.

ASP Siti Mariyah Dahari prosecuted, while the accused was not represented.