



The 28-year-old man (second left) being escorted by police after proceedings.

Man who punched and kicked younger sister over lighter gets 11-month jail

KUCHING: A 28-year-old man was sentenced to 11 months in jail for punching and kicking his younger sister after she failed to respond to his call to buy a lighter.

Magistrate Nursyaheeqa Nazwa Radzali convicted the man on his guilty plea to a charge under Section 323 of the Penal Code for voluntarily causing hurt, read together with Section 326A of the same Code for causing hurt to a family member.

Section 323 provides for up to one-year jail, a fine of up to RM2,000, or both, while Section 326A allows the maximum jail term to be doubled when the offence is committed against a family member.

The offence was committed at a house in Santubong at around 8.30pm on June 28 this year.

According to the facts of the case, the 16-year-old victim lodged a police report after the man kicked her waist and punched her forehead.

He was arrested on Aug 13 at

around 11.40pm.

Police investigations found that the man is the victim's eldest brother and lived with her.

The victim was at a neighbour's house when he called out to her, but she did not respond.

He then approached her in front of the neighbour's house, kicked her waist, and dragged her by the hand back home.

Upon reaching the house, the man kicked and punched her again.

The incident is believed to have occurred after the victim failed to respond when her brother asked her to buy a lighter.

There were no independent witnesses to the incident and the area was dark at the time.

A medical report confirmed that the victim sustained soft tissue injuries to her left temporal region and waist.

Deputy public prosecutor Muhammad Aidil Akmal Sharidan appeared for the prosecution, while the man was unrepresented.