

# Having firearm: Sarawakians discharged, acquitted

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Two Sarawakians were freed from charges of illegally having a pistol and bullets without their defence being called. Sessions Court Judge Azreena Aziz discharged and acquitted Siew Gong Shun, 52, and Ngu Chee Hui, 40, from the charges against them after ruling that the prosecution had failed to establish a prima facie case against them. Siew and Ngu were jointly charged with having a Revolver .357 Magnum pistol without any permit in the dashboard of a vehicle at 6am, on Aug 13, 2020 without a permit by the riverside in Sungai Lubok Weston, Beaufort. The charge was framed under Section 8 of the Firearm (Increased Penalty) 1971. The duo were also accused of illegally having 13 bullets inside the same car at the same place and time as framed under Section 8 of the Firearm Act 1960. Siew, who was also accused of having a dangerous weapon – a knife, at the riverside in Sungai Lubok Weston, Beaufort at the same time, was also discharged and acquitted of the charge without being called for his defence. The charge was framed under Section 6(1) of the Corrosive, Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons Act 1958. The prosecution had called 11 witnesses during the hearing. Deputy Public Prosecutor Siti Hajr Mazlan conducted the prosecution while counsels Goldam Hamid and Bartholomew Jinggulam defended the duo.

In another case, a 47-year-old Filipino was fined RM10,000 or 60 days' jail for harbouring an undocumented Filipina, his wife. Dilsun Tungko, an IMM13 holder, pleaded guilty before Sessions Court Judge Noor Hafizah Mohd Salim to committing the offence at 2am, on Jan 27, this year at Teck Guan Villa, Jalan Penampang here.

The charge, under Section 56(1) of the Immigration Act 1959/63, provides for a fine of between RM10,000 and RM50,000 on each person harboured, on conviction. Counsel Dominic Chew representing Dilsun requested a lower fine as the person harboured was Dilsun's wife and they have four school-going children. Immigration Department prosecuting officer Abu Sopian Karate prosecuting applied for an appropriate sentence.