

Woman fined RM20,000 for operating illegal lottery ticket sales

KUCHING: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday fined a woman RM20,000 in default eight months' imprisonment for facilitating the sale of public lottery tickets without a licence.

Magistrate Mason Jaro Lenya Barayan handed down the sentence on Rima Morshidi, 36, after she pleaded guilty to committing the offence punishable under Section 4A(a) of the Common Gaming Houses Act 1953.

The Section provides for a fine of not less than RM20,000 and not more than RM200,000, and also carries a prison sentence of up to five years, upon conviction.

Rima committed the offence at a house in Kampung Bintawa Ulu, Petra Jaya, on March 26 this year, at about 3.30pm.

According to the case facts, police conducted an inspection at the location and examined the accused's mobile phone.

She was arrested the same

day on suspicion of operating an illegal public lottery ticket sales operation.

The police seized from her a mobile phone, a portable mobile thermal printer, two pieces of public lottery tickets and RM885 in cash.

An analysis by a gambling expert confirmed that the mobile phone was being used as a public lottery vending machine.

Rima was not represented by legal counsel.