

Man fined for stealing pickup, claims trial to SUV theft

KUCHING: The Magistrates' Court here fined a man RM3,000 in default three months in jail for stealing a pickup truck last Wednesday.

Magistrate Nursyaheeqa Nazwa Radzali convicted Zulhaire Abdullah, 46, on his own guilty plea to Section 379A of the Penal Code.

The accused stole the vehicle at about 7.30am on March 11 in front of a laundrette at the Stutong Commercial Centre here.

Based on the facts of the case, the complainant filed a police report stating that the company-owned vehicle parked in front of the laundrette had been stolen.

Following investigations, police arrested Zulhaire at about 3pm on the same day and seized several items from him.

Further investigations found that a closed-circuit television (CCTV) in front of the laundrette had captured the accused committing the theft.

Clothing seized from the accused during his arrest also matched those seen in the CCTV footage.

In a separate courtroom, Zulhaire claimed trial before Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan to a charge of stealing a sport utility vehicle (SUV) behind a premises at Jalan Lapangan Terbang Baru here at about 9.40am on Dec 5, 2024.

The court fixed case management for April 22.

Deputy public prosecutor Ruvinasini Pandian and prosecuting officer Insp Nur Shafiq Nyaie Ilin handled the two cases separately, while the accused was unrepresented.