

Man fined RM3,000 for online gambling

MIRI: A 23-year-old man was fined RM3,000, in default four-month imprisonment, by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for online gambling in a public place.

Mohammad Syafuwan Sukrilah, from Tudan Phase 3, was charged under Section 7(2) of the Common Gaming Houses Act 1953, which carries a fine of up to RM5,000, imprisonment of up to six months, or both, upon conviction.

According to the facts of the case, he was detained at a premises in Airport Commercial Centre at 8.10pm on Oct 19 for inspection on suspicion of involvement in online gambling.

Police checks found an online gambling application displayed on his mobile phone. He was subsequently arrested, and the phone was seized as an exhibit.

In court, Mohammad Syafuwan pleaded for a lighter sentence, citing that it was his first offence. The prosecution was conducted by Insp Mudzilawati Abdul Rahman before Magistrate Ashok Linggam.

Mohammad Syafuwan was unrepresented by legal counsel.