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Youthful offender gets 120 hours community service for retaining stolen car

KUCHING: A 20-year-old man who dishonestly retained a stolen car was ordered by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday to perform 120 hours of community service over the next 12 months.

Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan imposed the order after the accused pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 411 of the Penal Code, which provides for up to five-year jail or a fine, or both, upon conviction.

The accused was found with the stolen car in front of a garage at Taman Desa Ilmu, Kota Samarahan at about 1.15pm on Oct 19, 2026.

As he was below 21 years old, the sentence was imposed pursuant to Section 293(e) of the Criminal Procedure Code, which allows a court to order a youthful offender to perform community service instead of imposing a prison sentence or fine.

The court further ordered him to report to the Welfare Department (JKM) within 14 days from yesterday.

He must also comply with the schedule fixed by JKM and participate in all activities and programmes organised by the department, subject to its discretion and direction.

The accused was warned that failure to comply with the order could result in criminal consequences.

Should he move or change his place of residence, he must promptly inform JKM.

Deputy public prosecutor Nurul Aqila Morsalin appeared for the prosecution, while the accused was unrepresented.



The man being led away after the proceedings.