

Robbing goldsmith of over RM20,000 chain lands Sibü man behind bars

SIBU: The Sessions Court here yesterday sentenced a 57-year-old man to nine years in prison for robbing a goldsmith shop of a gold chain worth RM20,652 early this month.

Judge Musyiri Peet convicted Wong Siew Too on his own guilty plea to a charge of robbery under Section 390(2) of the Penal Code, punishable under Section 392 of the same Code.

The Section carries an imprisonment term of up to 14 years and a possible fine or caning.

Wong committed the offence on Nov 5, at 1.50pm, at a Market Street goldsmith shop here.

According to the facts of the

case, he came to the shop at around 1.50pm purportedly to look at gold jewellery.

A shop assistant took out a gold chain for him to check believing he intended to purchase the item.

However, Wong ran off with the item instead.

The shop manager, who was also present at that time, chased after Wong and managed to apprehend him.

The complainant then contacted the police and Wong was subsequently arrested.

Investigations revealed that Wong had first visited the shop at 9.45am to look at several gold chains.

He returned at around 1.40pm to

inspect a gold chain again before running off with it minutes later.

Closed-circuit television (CCTV) footage also captured him fleeing with the item.

Separately in the same courtroom, a 33-year-old man from Kanowit was sentenced to five years in jail and one stroke of the rotan for drug abuse.

Kamri Abdullah pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 15(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, which is punishable under Section 39C(1) of the same Act.

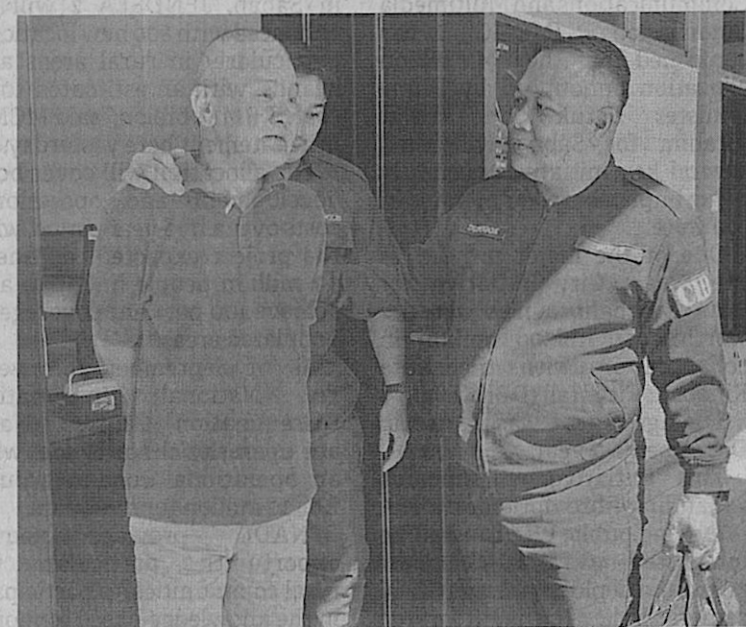
The Section provides for an imprisonment term of between five and seven years and not more than three strokes of the cane, upon conviction.

The court also ordered Kamri, who has three previous convictions for the same offence in 2020, 2021, and 2023 to undergo supervision for two years following the completion of his sentence.

Kamri was found to have taken amphetamine and methamphetamine on Nov 26, 2024 at around 3.50pm at the Kanowit police station.

His urine sample sent to the Pathology Department of the Sarawak General Hospital tested positive for the drugs.

Deputy public prosecutor Nuralisa Natasha Nazrulzam handled both cases while neither Wong nor Kamri had legal



Policemen escort Wong out of the courtroom after the proceedings.