

Meth possession lands man with 6-month prison sentence

KUCHING: A 53-year-old man was jailed for six months after pleading guilty at the Magistrates' Court here yesterday to a charge of possessing drugs.

Jemi Jap entered the plea after the charge under Section 12(2) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, punishable under Section 12(3) of the same Act, was read out to him before Magistrate Mason Jaro Lenya Barayan.

The Section provides for a fine not exceeding RM100,000 or imprisonment for up to five years, or both, upon conviction.

The offence was committed by the roadside near a flat in Tabuan Jaya here at around 10.40am on Oct 13 last year.

According to the facts of the case, police spotted Jemi roaming suspiciously in the area and stopped him for inspection.

He was placed under arrest after a body search uncovered a plastic packet containing substance believed to be drugs.

A chemist report confirmed the substance to be methamphetamine weighing 0.17 grammes.

Deputy public prosecutor Muhammad Aidil Akmal Sharidan appeared for the prosecution, while the accused was unrepresented.