

# Man who stole uncle's equipment to fund online gambling habit jailed

**KUCHING:** A 25-year-old man was jailed for four months yesterday after pleading guilty at the Magistrates' Court here to committing theft to fund his online gambling habit.

Amir Hamzah Mohd Rashidan entered the plea after the charge under Section 380 of the Penal Code was read to him before Magistrate Leona Dominic Mojiliu.

The Section provides for up to 10 years' imprisonment and possible fine, upon conviction.

The offence took place on the upper floor of a house in RPR Batu Kawa here at about 1.30pm on April 22, 2026.

According to the facts of the case, the accused's uncle discovered that the lock to one of the rooms had been tampered with and that construction equipment valued at RM800 were missing.

Subsequent police investigations led to Amir Hamzah's arrest on June 5.

It was also discovered that the accused and a friend had later sold the equipment, comprising a water jet machine and two cement breaker machines, to an individual in Kampung Bintawa.

Police were able to recover all the items, which were positively identified by the accused's uncle as belonging to him.