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Buddies fined RM800 for trading punches over woman

KUCHING: Two friends were each fined RM800 in default one week in jail by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for fighting with each other following a misunderstanding believed to have stemmed from jealousy involving a woman.

Shawn Ashley Albert, 27, and Chaudhry Fawwaz Khan Chaudhry Ali Fraz Khan, 24, entered guilty pleas before Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan to a charge of affray, framed under Section 159 of the Penal Code read together with Section 160 of the same Code.

The Section provides for up to six months' jail or a fine not exceeding RM1,000, or both, upon conviction.

They were charge with committing affray at an eatery in Kenyalang Park Market here at about 4am on Oct 18, 2026.

Based on the facts of the case, a fight broke out between the two friends in the public dining area of the premises, believed to have been triggered by a misunderstanding arising from jealousy and dissatisfaction involving a woman.

The altercation began when one of the men banged on the table and splashed water at the other.

The two friends then traded blows, resulting in minor injuries to both of them and six broken glass cups.

Members of the public managed to break up the fight.

Their incident was caught on a closed-circuit television (CCTV) installed at the premises. There was also a mobile phone video recording taken by a witness, along with statements from several other witnesses.

Medical examinations also confirmed that both men sustained minor injuries during the altercation.

A one-minute-and-13-second video of the fight involving the two men also went viral on social media, while a police report was lodged by one of the eatery owners in the area.

The prosecution was handled by deputy public prosecutor Nurul Aqila Morsalin.



The two friends (wearing face masks) exit the courtroom after the proceedings. At left is investigating officer Insp Logeswara Tharumalay @ Krishnan.