

Jailed 16 months for stealing smartphone

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KOTA KINABALU: The Magistrate's Court on Friday sentenced a 50-year-old man to 16 months' jail for stealing a smartphone. Magistrate Lovely Natasha Charles meted out the sentence to Nasir Sairan after he pleaded guilty to stealing a Realme 10 smartphone belonging to one Ainul Safiqah, 20, on June 25, at 4.30pm, in front of the Hotel Pelagos, Oceanus here. Earlier, the court was informed by the prosecution that on the day of the incident, Ainul was standing in the area when approached by an unknown man, later identified as Nasir, who pretended to borrow her phone to call his friend. Ainul asked for Nasir's friend's phone number, but he insisted on dialling the intended number himself. When Ainul handed over her cellphone to Nasir, he took it and fled on a motorcycle. The complainant, who identified the motorcycle ridden by Nasir, lodged a police report, which led to his arrest. The prosecution stated that the value of the loss suffered by Ainul was RM950. Nasir was charged under Section 379 of the Penal Code, which carries a jail term of up to seven years or fine, or both, on conviction.

In another case, a 28-year-old man was jailed six months and fined RM1,400 or two months' jail for committing a similar offence. Juraman Rudy admitted before Magistrate Stephanie Sherron Abbie to stealing a handphone and wallet belonging to one Syaidatul Aisyah in a boutique, on the first floor of the Centre Point Complex at 2pm, on May 30, this year. The facts of the case, presented by the prosecution, stated that Juraman, who ran away with the goods from the shop, was caught by the security

guard upon being alerted by the complainant. Juraman was then handed to police. He was charged under Section 380 of the Penal Code which carries a jail term of up to 10 years and liability to a fine on conviction.

Meanwhile, a man from Kedah was ordered to pay a fine of RM100 or one-day jail for fraudulently having RM5,000 deposited into his bank account last year. Md Khairien Ikhwan pleaded guilty to having the money, belonging to one Muhd Azhar, in his CIMB bank account. He failed to give a satisfactory explanation on how he obtained them on June 16, 2023. The offence, under Section 22A (1) of the Minor Offences Ordinance, provides a fine of up to RM100 or up to three months' jail, or both, on conviction. Inspector Suzie SK prosecuted.