

Jobless man fined total RM3,000 for slapping sister, abusing drugs

MIRI: An unemployed man was sentenced by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday to three weeks in jail and fined RM1,000 in default a month's imprisonment for slapping his younger sister.

Magistrate Sandy Yvette Freddy convicted Tom John, 39, of Long Jegan in Tinjar, Baram on his own guilty plea to a charge of voluntarily causing hurt, framed under Section 323 of the Penal Code read together with Section 326A of the same Code.

Section 323 provides for imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or a fine of up to RM2,000, or both; while Section 326A carries a maximum penalty of two years' jail or a fine of up to RM2,000, or both, upon conviction.

The accused committed the offence at a lot in Jalan Lambir 1, Taman Jelita here at around 10pm on Sept 29 this year, by slapping his sister, 20, on her

right cheek.

In mitigation, Tom pleaded for leniency saying he regretted his action and had reconciled with his sister.

Meanwhile, the same court fined Tom RM2,000 in default two months in prison and ordered him to be placed under two years of supervision, after he pleaded guilty to abusing drugs eight years ago.

The charge against him was framed under Section 15(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, punishable under Section 15(1) of the same Act.

He tested positive for amphetamine and methamphetamine at the Miri Narcotics Criminal Investigation Division office at around 10.40am on Jan 22, 2016.

Insp Mudzilawati Abdul Rahman prosecuted both cases, while Tom was without legal representation.