

# Lorry driver jailed 15 months for restaurant break-in, theft

**KUCHING:** A lorry driver has been sentenced to 15 months in prison and fined RM2,000 in default five months' jail by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for breaking into a restaurant and stealing RM2,000 in cash.

Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan handed down the sentence after Ku Kuet Leong, 30, pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 457 of the Penal Code.

The Section carries a maximum imprisonment of five years and

a fine; however, if the offence involves theft, the prison term may be extended up to 14 years.

Ku committed the offence at a restaurant on Jalan Stutong here at around 3.45am on March 10, 2025. Based on the facts of the case, the restaurant owner discovered the cashier's counter in disarray upon arriving at the premises. Further inspection revealed that RM2,000 from the day's earnings had been stolen.

The complainant also noticed

that the metal gate and roller shutter at the back of the restaurant had been forcibly pried open. A review of the restaurant's closed-circuit television footage showed a man entering the premises and taking the money.

Following this, the complainant lodged a police report, which led to Ku's arrest on March 16. Insp Nur Shafiq Nyaie Ilin prosecuted the case, while the accused was unrepresented by counsel.