

Cable theft lands man with six-month jail sentence

MIRI: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday sentenced a man to six months' imprisonment for stealing a copper cable belonging to a telecommunications company.

Magistrate Ashok Linggam imposed the sentence after Hazman Hasif Othman, 40, from Jalan Pujut 7A pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 431A of the Penal Code, which provides for up to two years' jail or a fine, or both, upon conviction.

According to the facts of the

case, a police team conducting crime prevention patrols caught the accused cutting cables inside a roadside drain in front of a petrol station along Jalan Miri-Bypass at about 1.30am on July 27, 2026.

Seized from the accused were a chain block, hacksaw, and a 30cm-long section of black cable that had already been cut.

The prosecution was conducted by deputy public prosecutor Mohammad Syqfiq Samry, while the accused was unrepresented.