

# **Kuching man caught with kiddie porn on smartphone fined RM5,000**

**KUCHING:** The Magistrates' Court here yesterday fined a 42-year-old man RM5,000 in default 12-month imprisonment for possessing obscene materials on his smartphone.

Magistrate Mason Jaro Lenya Barayan convicted Terence Sim on his own guilty plea to a charge framed under Section 292(a) of the Penal Code.

The Section provides for a penalty of imprisonment for up to three years in prison, or a fine, or both upon conviction.

Sim was charged with committing the offence on Jan 27 at approximately 12.30pm at a house here.

According to the facts of the case, police conducted an inspection of Sim following information received concerning the possession of child pornography.

The investigation confirmed that such content was found on his smartphone.

Sim was subsequently arrested and his smartphone, together with the SIM card, was seized by the authorities.

As the device was in his possession at the time of the inspection, the court held that he had committed an offence punishable under Section 292(a) of the Penal Code.

Sim was unrepresented by legal counsel.