

Sessions Court discharges, acquits man of meth-possession charges

KUCHING: A man was discharged and acquitted by the Sessions Court here yesterday of three charges of possessing methamphetamine, with a total weight of 49.3 grammes.

Judge Noorhisham Mohd Jaafar made the ruling against Alexander Dublin, 48, after finding that the prosecution had failed to establish a prima facie case against the accused.

In delivering his decision yesterday, Noorhisham, said there were discrepancies in the prosecution witnesses' evidence regarding the discovery of the drugs and the person who handed them over to the police.

As such, he ordered the accused to be discharged and acquitted of all three charges.

Alexander was charged under three counts, two of which were framed under Section 12(2) of the Dangerous Drugs Act (DDA) 1952 and punishable under Section 12(3) of the same Act.

The provision carries a maximum fine of RM100,000 or imprisonment for up to five years, or both, upon conviction.

Under the two charges, he was accused of possessing 4.39 grammes and 2.83 grammes of methamphetamine at a house



Alexander (second left) seen with Lee (right) and Christopher (left) outside the Sessions Court in Kuching after the proceedings.

in Kampung Bumbok, Batu 9, Jalan Batu Kitang here at about 10pm on May 28, 2023.

The third charge was framed under Section 12(2) of the DDA 1952 and punishable under Section 39A(2) of the same Act, for possessing 42.08 grammes of methamphetamine at the same place, date and

time.

Upon conviction, the offence carries a sentence of life imprisonment or imprisonment for a term of not less than five years, as well as whipping of not less than 10 strokes.

Alexander was represented by lawyers Ralph Lee and Christopher Bada.