

## Man jailed 3 months after failing to settle fine for wrecking hotel room

**SIBU:** The Magistrates' Court here yesterday fined a man RM3,000 in default three months in jail for committing mischief by breaking a wardrobe door and chair belonging to a hotel.

Magistrate Romario Jonoï imposed the fine on Christopher Chiew Lian Siong, 29, from Bintulu after he pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 426 of the Penal Code.

The Section provides for up to five years in prison or a fine, or both, upon conviction.

Chiew failed to settle the fine.

He committed the offence in a hotel room at Jalan Pahlawan here at about 11.15pm on July 2, 2025.

According to the facts of the case, Chiew was arrested by police after security guards at the hotel reported that he had suddenly become aggressive and had damaged items in his room.

Investigations revealed that Chiew, who had been occupying the room since June 30, had acted in such a manner due to personal stress and being under the influence of drugs.

Insp Kumareswaran Murugan prosecuted the case, while the accused was not represented.

In a separate proceeding in the same courtroom, a man was fined RM2,000 in default two months' imprisonment after he pleaded guilty to a charge of voluntarily causing hurt.

Lee Kock Wei, 52, from Song, paid the fine.

The charge against him was framed under Section 323 of the Penal Code, which provides for up to one year in prison or a fine not exceeding RM2,000, or both, upon conviction.

He committed the offence at an entertainment centre on Jalan Langsat here at about 12.30am on March 9 last year.

Based on the facts of the case, the complainant in the case was with her family members at the entertainment centre when several men approached them.

One of the men suddenly struck her son on the head using a hard object, before the attacker and his acquaintances fled the premises.

The victim was able to identify Lee as the attacker during a police identification parade on April 19, 2024.

Deputy public prosecutor Haris Danial Mohamed Hassan prosecuted.