

Man with criminal history jailed, slapped with fine for death threat

KUCHING: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday sentenced a man to one week in prison and fined him RM5,000, in default two-month imprisonment, for threatening to kill his relative.

Magistrate Nureina Syafika Mohd Najib convicted Erik Maang Dring, 54, after he pleaded guilty to a charge of criminal intimidation under Section 503 of the Penal Code, punishable under Section 506 of the same Code.

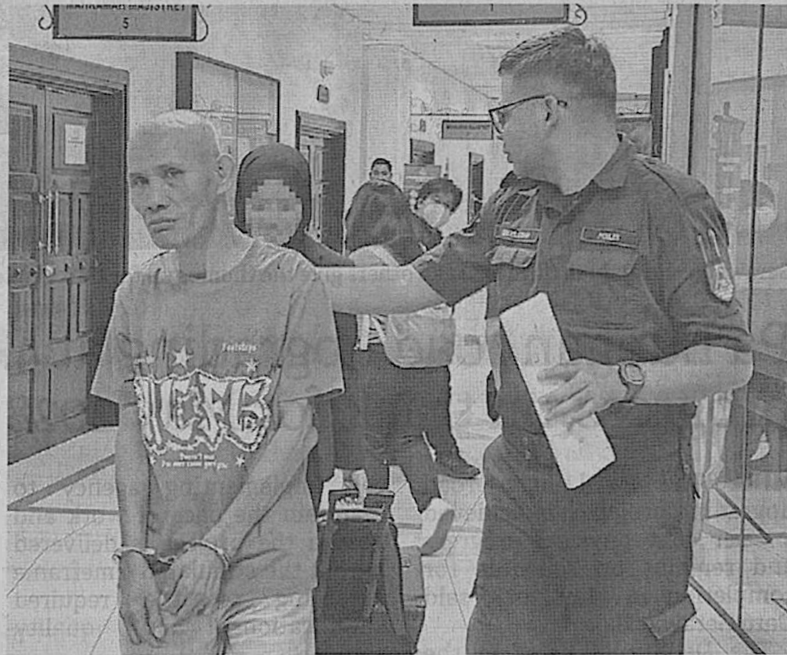
The Section provides for up to seven-year jail or a fine, or both, upon conviction.

He committed the offence at a house in Kampung Sarig, Jalan Padawan at about 9.30am on Oct 4 this year.

According to facts of the case, a verbal altercation broke out between Erik and his relative, 41, who are next-door neighbours, after the former was reprimanded for discarding garden waste and rubbish into the area below the relative's house.

Angered by the reprimand, Erik grabbed a machete from his vehicle and threatened to kill his relative.

The incident was witnessed by the relative's family members,



A policeman escorts the accused after sentencing. — Photo by Kentigern Minggu

with his wife snapping a photo of Erik brandishing the machete.

Fearing for his safety, the relative filed a police report, which led to Erik's arrest.

It is informed that Erik has five prior criminal convictions, including one for using criminal

force with intent to outrage the modesty of a 27-year-old woman, which resulted in him being jailed for six months in 2022.

Deputy public prosecutor Muhammad Aidil Akmal Sharidan handled yesterday's prosecution, while Erik was unrepresented.