

Darul Hana Bridge jumper fined RM200, says he leapt to prove he was 'truly anak Sarawak' after dare

KUCHING: A 25-year-old man was fined RM200 in default two days' jail by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for committing public nuisance by jumping off the Darul Hana Bridge into the Sarawak River last month.

Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan convicted Mohamad Sufian Daud on his own guilty to a charge under Section 268 of the Penal Code, punishable under Section 290 of the same Code, which provides for a maximum fine of RM400.

Mohamad Sufian committed the offence at about 10.30pm on July 23.

Based on the facts of case, at about 11pm on July 23, a complainant came across a video posted on the Facebook page showing an individual jumping from the Darul Hana Bridge at Kuching Waterfront.

Police investigations later established that at about 10.30pm on the same day, Mohamad Sufian had jumped from the

bridge into the river, causing annoyance and inconvenience to members of the public who were using the public place.

During the proceedings, Mohamad Sufian explained that he had been chatting with several friends on the bridge when a group of Peninsular Malaysians overheard their conversation.

He told the court that he had jokingly asked his friends whether they believed he could jump off the bridge.

According to him, one member of the group then sarcastically challenged him to jump off the bridge if he was brave enough, and that he would receive money if he did.

However, Mohamad Sufian stressed that he did not jump for the money, but to prove that he was "truly anak Sarawak" after feeling challenged by the sarcastic remarks.

Deputy public prosecutor Muhammad Afiq Safly Nor Kazly prosecuted the case, while the accused was unrepresented.



Mohamad Sufian is escorted by police at the court complex.