

# Civil servant charged with forging signatures on purchase order forms

**SIBU:** A civil servant pleaded not guilty in the Magistrates' Court here yesterday to forging signatures on purchase order documents to obtain cash five years ago.

Sofiah Yahya, 46, entered the plea before Magistrate Romario Jonoi, who allowed accused to be released on RM3,000 bail with two sureties and fixed May 14 for further mention.

The accused was charged under Section 468 of the Penal Code with forging signatures on 17 purchase order documents for the purpose of obtaining cash, at a primary school here between Jan 3 and May 5, 2020.

If convicted, she faces up to seven years in prison and shall also be liable to fine.

Deputy public prosecutor Aiman Zarith appeared for the prosecution, while Sofiah was unrepresented.

In the same courtroom, a 33-year-old man was sentenced to six months in jail for committing

criminal intimidation.

Ailen Law from Jalan Wong King Huo here pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 506 of the Penal Code. He committed the offence at around 10am on Dec 22 last year at a house in Kampung Datu here.

Based on the facts of the case, Law went to the complainant's house and threatened to set fire to the property.

He also threatened to kill the complainant if they were to encounter each other again.

Police arrested the accused on Dec 23 following a report lodged by the complainant.

An investigation revealed that Law was dissatisfied with the complainant over accusations that the accused was unwell and had family problems.

The prosecution was handled by ASP Siti Mariyah Dahari.

Law, unrepresented, was ordered to serve his imprisonment from the date of his arrest.