

Vietnamese spa worker fined RM13,000 for prostitution, overstaying



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KUCHING: A Vietnamese woman was yesterday fined a total of RM13,000 in default seven months' jail for soliciting for the purpose of prostitution and overstaying in Malaysia.

In proceedings before Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan, Nguyen Thi Sao Ly, 31, was fined RM3,000 in default three months in jail after pleading guilty to a charge under Section 372B of the Penal Code for soliciting for the purpose of prostitution.

The Section provides for a jail term of up to one year, or a fine, or both, upon conviction.

Nguyen committed the offence at a beauty spa along Jalan Airport at about 10.40pm on Feb 1 this year.

According to the facts of the case, police raided the premises following intelligence-gathering operations and found the accused involved in prostitution activities.

In the Sessions Court, Judge Noorhisham Mohd Jaafar fined Nguyen RM10,000 in default four months' jail after she pleaded guilty to a charge of overstaying in the country.

The charge was framed under Section 15(1)(c) of the Immigration Act 1959/63, punishable under Section 15(4) of the same Act, which provides a minimum fine



Nguyen being led away after proceedings.

of RM10,000 or imprisonment for up to five years, or both, upon conviction.

The accused was also ordered to be referred to the Immigration Department for further action.

She committed the offence on the same day and time at the same place.

According to the facts of the case, police during the

raid on the spa discovered Nguyen had overstayed in the country beyond the permitted 30 days under her social visit pass.

Deputy public prosecutors Adriana Maisarah Mohd Farid and Ahmad Fauzulutfi Suriani appeared separately for the prosecution, while Nguyen was unrepresented.