

Man freed of slashing brother as victim drops case

KUCHING: The Samarahan Magistrates' Court granted a man a discharge not amounting to an acquittal (DNAA) on Wednesday from a charge of slashing his brother with a knife.

Magistrate Shafiza Datu Abdul Razak Tready made the order after the complainant informed the court he no

longer wished to pursue the matter against his brother and formally withdrew the police report.

Jong Chi Siong, 36, had been accused of slashing his brother with a knife on Sept 13, 2023 in Asajaya.

He was charged under Section 324 of the Penal Code read together with Section 326A of

the same Code.

The offence carries a punishment of up to 10 years' imprisonment, or a fine, or caning, or any combination thereof, upon conviction.

Section 326A also allows the court to impose up to twice the maximum term if the offence is committed against a family member.

Jong, who had been out on bail pending disposal of the case, was released following the court order.

He was represented by National Legal Aid Foundation counsels Russell Lim Jian Liang and Lai Eddy, while deputy public prosecutor Mohd Fadzri Azham Zainudin appeared for the prosecution.