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Man jailed 10 years for vicious assault over damaged coconuts



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SIBU: The Sessions Court yesterday sentenced a labourer to 10 years in jail and fined him RM5,000, in default five-month imprisonment, for causing grievous hurt to his former brother-in-law using a hoe and a chainsaw.

Judge Musyiri Peet convicted Ting Lid Wei, 53, from Jalan Tebu here on his guilty plea to a charge under Section 326 of the Penal Code, which provides for imprisonment of up to 20 years and possible fine or whipping.

Ting, who paid the fine, committed the offence at around 9am on Nov 9, along Jalan Lam Lam, Sungai Sadit here.

According to the facts of the case, Ting had accused his 58-year-old former brother-in-law of damaging his coconuts, claiming that he had seen the latter near a coconut tree holding an object resembling a sprayer.

The victim denied the allegation, saying he had just returned from his mother's house on Jalan Kenari at about 9am.

Believing that the victim had damaged his coconuts, Ting went to the victim's home and attacked him while he was doing cleaning work beneath the house.

Ting struck the victim's head with a hoe and punched his face several times, causing him to bleed.

He also swung an operational chainsaw at the victim, who sustained an injury to his left arm while attempting to block the attack and protect his face.

The accused also admitted to being under the influence of drugs at the time of the incident.

After the victim became weak and incapacitated, Ting placed him in the boot of his car and abandoned him along Jalan Nam Ping Chiong.

One witness had spotted the car with its boot open and a bloodied man inside but could not identify the victim, while another witness later found the victim in a bloodied and weakened condition.

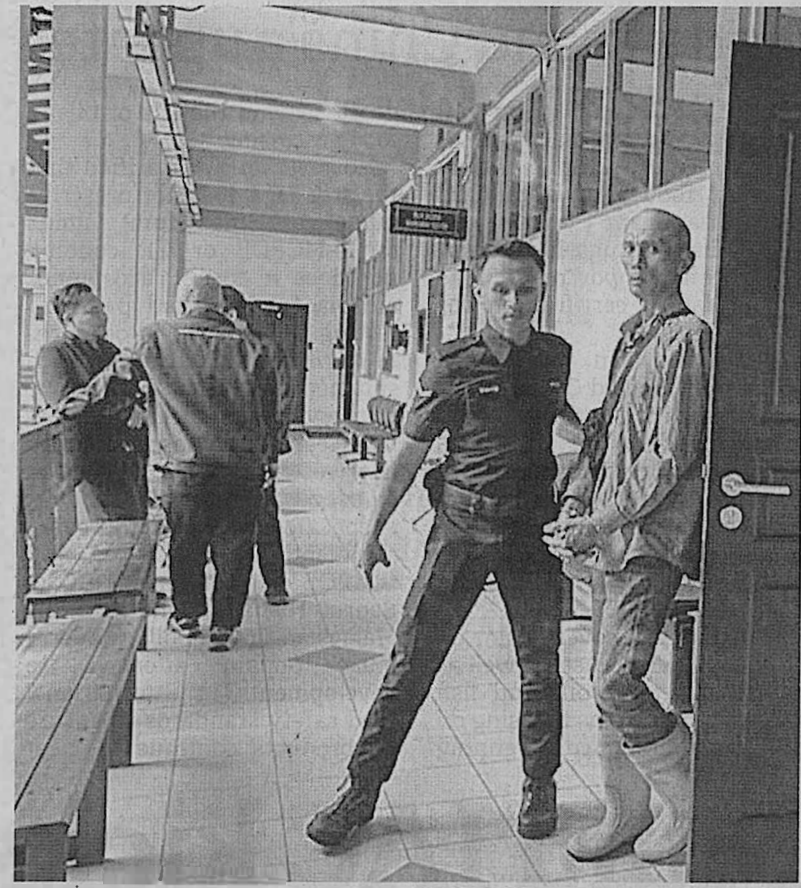
The victim managed to identify the accused as his attacker and informed the second witness what had happened.

According to a medical report from Sibu Hospital, the victim sustained a laceration and bruising to the scalp, lacerations around the right eye and lip, a deep laceration to the left hand, and a fractured nose.

Ting was arrested at about 1.15am on Nov 10 at an unnumbered house along Jalan Lam Lam in Sungai Sadit.

Police also seized a chainsaw and wooden stick believed to be the handle of the hoe that were used in the assault.

Deputy public prosecutor Chrissie Ngiron Mijun prosecuted the case, while the accused was unrepresented.



A policeman escorts Ting from the courtroom after sentencing.