

Good behaviour bond for Kuching girl accused of stealing tablet

KUCHING: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday ordered a 17-year-old girl to be placed on a one-year good behaviour bond, over the theft of a computer tablet from an optical shop at Jalan Rubber Barat here.

Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan imposed the order effective yesterday, with two sureties in sum of RM1,000.

The order was made pursuant to Section 91(1)(b) of the Child Act 2001, following the submission of the girl's moral report by the Social Welfare Department.

The offence was committed at approximately 1.30pm on Feb 8 this year.

The girl was charged under Section 380 of the Penal Code, which provides for imprisonment of up to 10 years and a fine, upon conviction.

Based on the facts of the case,

the complainant – an employee of the shop – discovered that the tablet, which had been placed on the counter, had gone missing.

After an unsuccessful search, the complainant reviewed the closed-circuit television (CCTV) footage and observed the girl taking the tablet and placing it in her sling bag before leaving the premises.

A police report was later lodged, and investigations led to the arrest of the girl on Feb 10.

Further investigation revealed that during a search of the girl's residence, she personally pointed out the tablet, which was found on the kitchen table.

The police then seized the tablet as case evidence.

Prosecution was conducted by Insp Nur Shafiqah Nyaie Ilin, while the girl was unrepresented by legal counsel.