

Man jailed 14 days after failing to pay fine for fighting with minor

SIBU: A 22-year-old man was fined RM800 in default 14 days in jail by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for fighting in a public place.

Alexson Rody Allan from Ulu Sungai Salim here pleaded guilty before Magistrate Oon Kork Chern to a charge under Section 159 of the Penal Code, punishable under Section 160 of the same Code.

The Section provides imprisonment for up to six months or a fine not exceeding RM1,000, or both, upon conviction.

The unrepresented accused failed to pay the fine.

Alexson and a second accused, who is underage, were jointly charged with committing affray in a public place and disturbing the peace at the gateway of Rumah Sangan in Ulu Sungai Salim at about 10pm on Nov 12.

The second accused is still awaiting his probation report.

According to the facts of the case, a woman lodged a police report after seeing injuries and bruises on Alexson's face, believed due to him being beaten.

Acting on the report, police arrested the second accused on Nov 13.

An investigation found that an intoxicated Alexson arrived at the gateway of the longhouse and beat the minor on the calf using a stick.

The minor responded by grabbing the stick from Alexson's hand and struck him, causing the latter to fall to the ground.

Alexson, who was also hit on the head by the minor after he fell, picked himself up and ran away.

Prosecuting the case was ASP Siti Mariyah Dahari.