

Man charged with cheating salesman over purported ability to secure release of detained China woman

KUCHING: A 34-year-old man claimed trial in the Sessions Court here yesterday to a charge of cheating a salesman out of RM26,000 by falsely claiming that he could secure the release of the victim's Chinese national acquaintance from the custody of a federal immigration authority.

The accused was charged before Judge Iris Awen Jon under Section 420 of the Penal Code, which carries a jail term of between one and 10 years, whipping, and a fine upon conviction.

The court allowed bail at RM20,000 with two local

sureties and fixed pre-trial case management on July 14.

The accused was also ordered to surrender his passport until the disposal of the case.

He allegedly committed the offence at an eatery along Jalan Tun Ahmad Zaidi Adruce here at about 1pm on Sept 29, 2025.

The accused was charged with dishonestly inducing the victim to transfer RM26,000 to him through several online transactions by representing that he could assist in securing the release of the victim's acquaintance.

It is understood that the

accused had assured the victim that the woman would be released and that the matter could be resolved without further action being taken against her.

However, the victim later discovered that the woman was still subjected to enforcement action by immigration authorities, and that she had been deported to her home country.

Believing that he had been deceived, the victim lodged a police report.

Deputy public prosecutor Chuah Kai Sheng appeared for the prosecution.