

E-hailing driver jailed 2 years for outraging woman's modesty

KUCHING: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday sentenced a man to two years' imprisonment for molesting a female acquaintance in his car last week.

Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan convicted e-hailing driver Lim Soon Kien, 35, on his own guilty plea to a charge under Section

354 of the Penal Code, which provides for up to 10 years' jail or a fine or whipping, or any two of such punishments.

Lim committed the offence against the 19-year-old victim behind a hostel of a private college here at around 6.40pm on Oct 23, 2026.

Based on the facts of the case,

the victim met the accused, whom she had come to know through an e-hailing service platform, on the day of the incident.

While inside his car, Lim kissed the victim on her cheeks and forehead, as well as groped her breasts and private parts.

The victim repeatedly told

him to stop but he ignored her pleas.

She managed to escape and filed a police report that led to Lim's arrest the next day.

Deputy public prosecutor Ahmad Fauzulutfi Suriani prosecuted, while the accused did not have legal representation.