

Man gets seven-month jail for assaulting lover in Kuching

KUCHING: A 43-year-old man was sentenced to a total of seven months in jail for assaulting his lover and damaging her mobile phone.

Upon Dickson Trevor Jack Murch's guilty plea, Magistrate Leona Dominic Mojiliu sentenced him to six months in jail under Section 323 of the Penal Code for voluntarily causing hurt to the victim, and one month in jail under Section 426 of the same Code for damaging her mobile phone.

Section 323 carries a maximum one-year jail term, or a fine of up to RM2,000, or both upon conviction, while Section 426 provides for a maximum three-month jail term, or a fine, or both.

The offences were committed at a house in Taman Matang Jaya at about 1.30pm on Wednesday (Sept 30).

According to the facts of the case, Dickson and the victim were lovers and had a child together.

The incident began when he asked the victim a question but

was dissatisfied with her response, leading to an altercation.

During the argument in a room of the house, he punched the right side of the victim's head twice with his right hand.

The victim then left the room to avoid being assaulted further.

While in the living room, Dickson also hurled a light socket at the victim.

The victim used her mobile phone to shield herself, causing damage to its screen and resulting in an estimated loss of RM500.

The incident was witnessed by Dickson's mother.

After the incident, the victim lodged a police report and sought treatment at the Sarawak General Hospital.

The medical report stated that the victim had suffered a cerebral concussion, as well as several injuries to her hand and chest.

Deputy Public Prosecutor Ahmad Fauzulutfi Suriani appeared for the prosecution, while Dickson was unrepresented.