

Indonesian pleads guilty to possessing meth, jailed seven months

MIRI: The Magistrates' Court here sentenced an Indonesian man to seven months' imprisonment after he pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing methamphetamine.

Magistrate Ashok Linggam also ordered Antonius Ma'in, 31 of West Kalimantan to be referred to the Immigration Department for further action upon completing his custodial sentence.

Antonius was charged under Section 12(2) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, punishable under Section 12(3) of the same Act, which provides for a fine not exceeding RM100,000 or up to five years in jail, upon conviction.

According to the facts of the case, the accused was detained at a house on Lorong Tanjung Batu 1A, Kampung Pujut Padang Kerbau here on March 29 this year on suspicion of involvement in drug-related activities.

He surrendered a straw tube containing a substance which was later sent to and confirmed by the Chemistry Department to

be methamphetamine weighing 0.22 grammes.

In mitigation, the unrepresented accused pleaded for leniency as it was his first offence.

Separately in the same courtroom, a 31-year-old man was jailed for six months yesterday for possessing a stolen motorcycle.

Magistrate Ashok convicted Mohamad Ainul Yaqien Abdullah, unrepresented, on his own guilty plea to a charge under Section 411 of the Penal Code.

The Section provides for imprisonment of not less than six months and not more than five years, and also liable to a fine, upon conviction.

The accused committed the offence in front of a house at Kampung Lereng Bukit here on May 12 this year when he was found in possession of a motorcycle belonging to a 26-year-old man, who had reported it stolen.

ASP Mary Ong prosecuted both cases.