

Five-month jail for Niah man over drug abuse charge

MIRI: A 36-year-old man was sentenced to five months in jail by the Magistrates' Court here on Friday, for using dangerous drugs without authorisation from the authorities.

The court also ordered Andrew Atik Ruang, from Sungai Sebatuk in Niah to be placed under police supervision for two years, under Section 38B of the Dangerous Act 1952.

He was found to have used dangerous drugs, namely amphetamine and methamphetamine, listed in the First Schedule of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, by introducing them into his body without authorisation from the authorities.

He committed the offence on Aug 24, 2024.

Andrew was charged under Section 15(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, and his sentence is provided for under the same provision.

Upon conviction, the offence carries a fine of up to RM5,000, or imprisonment for up to two years.

The offender is also required to undergo supervision by an officer as defined under Section 2 of the Drug Dependants (Treatment and Rehabilitation) Act 1983 for a period of not less than two years and not more than three years, pursuant to Section 38B of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952.

The prosecution was conducted by prosecuting officer Mudzilawati Abdul Rahman, while Andrew was unrepresented.