

Man pleads guilty to drug offences, fined RM10,400

KUCHING: A 36-year-old man was yesterday fined a total of RM10,400 in default 21 months' jail after pleading guilty at the Magistrates' Court here yesterday to drug-related charges.

Magistrate Nursyaheeqa Nazwa Radzali imposed a fine of RM3,900 in default seven months' imprisonment on Alvin Octavius Fang Chi Feng for possessing 3.15g of methamphetamine, and RM4,000 in default nine months' jail for possessing 1.49g of nimetazepam.

Both charges were framed under Section 12(2) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, punishable under Section 12(3) of the same Act, which provides for a maximum fine of RM100,000 or imprisonment for up to five years, or both, upon conviction.

Based on the facts of the case, police raided a house in Escoville Garden, Jalan Stutong here at about 5pm on Dec 30 last year and found Fang inside.

Before conducting a physical inspection, police informed Fang to surrender any prohibited items in his possession.

He handed over a transparent plastic packet containing crystalline substance, and a small sheet of aluminium foil containing eight pills.

A chemist report confirmed the crystalline substance to be methamphetamine, and the pills to be nimetazepam.

On the third charge of abusing drugs, the court fined Fang RM2,500 in default five months' jail under Section 15(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, punishable under Section 15(1) of the same Act.

According to the charge, the accused was tested positive for methamphetamine and MDMA at the Sarawak Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department office on June 12, 2015.

In addition to the court-imposed fines, the accused was also placed under police supervision for two years.

Deputy public prosecutor Muhammad Afiq Safly Nor Kazly appeared for the prosecution, while Fang was represented by a lawyer from Bong, Tieh, Tiong and Kiu Advocates.