

Man claims trial to sexually assaulting underage stepdaughter

MIRI: A 24-year-old was charged in the Sessions Court here Tuesday with committing physical sexual assault against his 11-year-old stepdaughter.

The accused entered a plea of not guilty before Judge Afidah Abdul Rahman to a charge under Section 14(a) of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017 read together with Section 16(1) of the same Act.

He allegedly committed the offence at a house in Marudi between Feb 25 and March 2, 2026.

The court fixed May 1 for case management and ordered the accused to be remanded at Miri Central Prison pending the date.

Deputy public prosecutor Luqman Hakim Sahrol Bahar appeared for the prosecution, while the accused was unrepresented.

In a separate case, the Magistrates Court here yesterday sentenced a man to five months' imprisonment for possessing methamphetamine.

Magistrate Ashok Linggam convicted Solomon Tawi Dempsy, 37, of Piasau Jaya Phase 3 here on his own guilty plea to a charge under Section 12(2) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, punishable under Section 12(3) of the same Act.

The custodial sentence is to run from the date of his arrest on Jan 12 this year.

According to the facts of the case, the accused was caught in possession of 0.21 grammes of methamphetamine along Jalan Boulevard here at about 1.40am on Jan 12.

Insp Mudzilawati Abdul Rahman prosecuted the case, while the accused did not have legal representation.