

Teenage boy sent to Henry Gurney School for raping 13-year-old girl

KUCHING: A 17-year-old boy was ordered to be detained at Henry Gurney School in Puncak Borneo here for three years after admitting to raping a 13-year-old girl in April this year.

Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan imposed the sentence yesterday after reviewing the accused's probation record.

The teenager had earlier pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 376(1) of the Penal Code, which carries a maximum sentence of 20-year imprisonment and whipping upon conviction.

According to the charge, he committed the offence at a house in Jalan Bako here at 3.48pm on April 29.

Based on the facts of the case, the victim's 34-year-old mother discovered the accused inside her daughter's bedroom on the afternoon of the incident.

Suspecting that something had occurred between them, she lodged a police report, leading to the teenage boy's arrest.

A medical examination conducted at Sarawak General

Hospital revealed fresh full and partial tears to the victim's hymen, as well as minor abrasions on her private parts.

Further investigations also revealed that the accused admitted to committing the offence against the victim, who was 13 years old at the time.

In passing sentence, Ling ordered the accused to be sent to Henry Gurney School for three years, effective yesterday, under Section 91(1)(f) of the Child Act 2001.

The court also ordered the boy's mother to visit him once every two months in accordance with Section 93(1)(d) of the same Act.

In addition, Ling ordered that the accused be placed under the supervision of a probation officer for one year upon completion of his detention period pursuant to Section 93(1)(e) of the Child Act 2001.

The prosecution was conducted by Deputy Public Prosecutor Muhammad Afiq Safly Nor Kazly, while the accused was unrepresented.