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Man fined RM1,000 for illegally having RM620 in bank account

KUCHING: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday fined a 30-year-old man RM1,000, in default one month in prison, for unlawful possession of RM620 in his bank account.

Magistrate Syarifah Fatimah Azura Wan Ali convicted Reyneveld Leon Ajis, 30, on his own guilty plea to a charge under Section 37(1) of the Minor Offences Ordinance Sarawak 1958.

Reyneveld committed the offence at a house in Jalan Matang here at 7.01pm on March 9 last year.

Based on facts of the case, a complainant transferred the money online into a bank account under Reyneveld's name for the purpose of getting a Department of Occupational Safety and Health (Dosh) licence.

Reyneveld had promised the

complainant that he would easily get a job after making the transaction. After completing the payment, the complainant called Reyneveld about the Dosh licence, but was instead given excuses that led him to become dissatisfied over the situation.

This led to the complainant

lodging a police report.

On April 15 this year, Reyneveld was arrested and during the investigation, he admitted the bank account that received the transaction was his.

He was found to have unlawfully obtained the money after failing to account satisfactorily for how he obtained it in his bank account.

ASP Arman Ibrahim prosecuted the case, while Reyneveld was unrepresented by legal counsel.