

Man gets six-month jail, RM2,500 fine for stealing, reselling game console

KUCHING: A 38-year-old man was sentenced to six-month imprisonment and fined RM2,500 by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for disposing of a stolen PlayStation 5 (PS5) from a local electronics and furniture retail company by selling it to a gaming retail outlet.

Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan meted out the sentence against Tay Eng Kiat after he pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 414 of the Penal Code.

The Section provides for imprisonment of up to seven years, or a fine, or both, upon conviction.

The offence was committed at a gaming retail outlet in a shopping mall at Jalan Song here, at 2.19pm on Dec 12 last year.

According to facts of the case, a staff member of the electronics and furniture retail company, acting as the complainant, discovered that one unit of the gaming console in question was missing.

The complainant reviewed CCTV footage and saw Tay had taken a PS5 unit without making payment at approximately 1.24pm that day.

The loss was estimated at RM2,449. A police report was subsequently lodged for insurance reference and further action. Police investigations led to Tay's arrest and the recovery of the stolen game console from the gaming retail outlet, to which he had sold the item for RM1,900 after stealing it.