



The accused is led away after sentencing. — Photo by Roystein Emmor

Youth jailed 12 months for stealing motorcycle

KUCHING: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday sentenced a youth to 12 months' jail for stealing a motorcycle last month.

Magistrate Mason Jaro Lenya Barayan convicted the 19-year-old accused, who was charged as a youthful offender, on his own guilty plea to a charge under Section 379A of the Penal Code.

The Section provides for imprisonment of between one and seven years, and possible fine, upon conviction.

The offence was committed at a house in Taman Desa Wira here at about 3.53am on Feb 24.

According to the facts of the case, a friend of the motorcycle owner's son went to the house and discovered the vehicle missing.

Suspecting it had been stolen, the friend lodged a police report that resulted in the arrest of the accused in the same housing area two days later.

Closed-circuit television footage showed the accused committing the theft.

Deputy public prosecutor Muhammad Aidil Akmal Sharidan appeared for the prosecution, while the accused was unrepresented.