

Kuching technician discharged, acquitted of sexually assaulting young niece

KUCHING: The Sessions Court here yesterday discharged and acquitted a technician accused of sexually assaulting his then four-year-old niece in 2021.

Judge Iris Awen Jon made the decision after finding that the prosecution had failed to prove

a prima facie case against the 42-year-old man at the end of the prosecution's case.

Therefore, the court determined that the accused be released and acquitted of the charge without his defence being called.

The man was accused of

physically assaulting the child, who was four years old at the time, by touching her genitals.

The offence allegedly occurred between January and May 2021 at a house in Petra Jaya here.

He faced a charge under Section 14 (a) of the Sexual

Offences Against Children Act 2017, which provides for up to 20 years in prison and caning upon conviction.

The trial, which ended on July 25 this year, had six witnesses being called to testify for the prosecution.