



The accused (second right) is pictured outside the court with investigating officer Insp Sisim Abd Samad (second left).

# Ex-JKM Miri financial clerk charged with RM1.1 mln CBT

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**MIRI:** A former Sarawak Welfare Department (JKM) financial clerk pleaded not guilty in the Sessions Court here yesterday to 12 counts of criminal breach of trust (CBT) involving more than RM1.1 million.

Terrance Jamba Noel Nyabong, 43, of Lakeshore Villa, Jalan Sukma Kuala Baram entered the plea after the charges were read out before Judge Afidah Abdul Rahman.

He was charged under Section 409 of the Penal Code, which provides for a jail term of up to 20 years, whipping, and a fine, upon conviction.

Under the first charge, the accused was alleged to have dishonestly misappropriated RM16,000 belonging to JKM Miri for personal use by transferring the amount into his own bank account.

The offence was allegedly committed on Feb 17, 2022.

For the remaining 11 charges, he was accused of committing similar acts involving sums of RM20,000 on March 11, 2022; RM32,000 on April 2, 2022; RM66,000 on April 26, 2022; RM40,000 on May 27, 2022; RM90,000 on July 9, 2022; RM96,500 on Aug 9, 2022; RM263,000 on Sept 9, 2022; RM56,250 on Oct 13, 2022; RM146,700 on Nov 5, 2022; RM23,900 on Dec 3, 2022; and RM250,850 on Jan 4, 2023.

All the offences were allegedly committed at the JKM Miri office while the accused was entrusted with control over the funds.

Deputy public prosecutor Ruvinasini Pandian applied for a new date to be fixed for case management.

She also requested that the accused not be offered bail, citing public interest and the substantial amount of departmental funds involved, which exceeded RM1 million.

However, she said that should the court allow bail, the

prosecution sought a high bail of RM30,000 with two local sureties who are gainfully employed for each charge, taking into account the gravity of the offences and the amount of loss involved.

The application was opposed by defence counsels Firdaus Morsidi and Mohd Ikmal Iqbal Baharuddin, who argued that their client is a civil servant currently serving at the Miri Court Complex and was therefore unlikely to abscond.

They added that the accused has health issues and that prolonged detention would adversely affect his health.

The judge fixed June 16 as case management date and granted the accused bail of RM100,000 with two local sureties.

As an additional condition, the accused was ordered to surrender his passport to the police and to report to a police station once a month until the disposal of the case.