

Man who caused disturbance at St Joseph's Cathedral mass placed on six-month peace bond

KUCHING: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday placed a man who caused a disturbance and threw a liquor bottle during mass at St Joseph's Cathedral in March on a six-month good behaviour bond to keep the peace.

Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan directed the 25-year-old to

complete the bond with his father as surety in the sum of RM2,500 (not deposited).

The order was made under Section 67 of the Criminal Procedure Code after he pleaded guilty to the offence.

Based on the facts of the case, a churchgoer was attending mass when the man suddenly entered

the premises, played loud music, shouted profanities, and hurled a liquor bottle inside the building.

A police report was subsequently lodged to safeguard the safety of the congregation, leading to the man's arrest.

Police investigations revealed that he had suffered from mental health issues since 2022,

following the death of his mother from cancer in 2021.

As a preventive measure to avoid a repeat of such incidents, the court placed him under the six-month bond.

The prosecution was conducted by Insp Nur Shafiqah Nyaie Ilin, while the man did not have legal representation.