



The accused being escorted by police at the court. At left is investigating officer ASP Anuar Affindi.

Trader charged with raping sister-in-law



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MIRI: A 36-year-old trader was charged in the Magistrates' Court here yesterday with raping his 27-year-old sister-in-law last month.

No plea was recorded from the accused after the charge under Section 376 (1) of the Penal Code

was read to him.

The Section carries a penalty of, up to 20 years in prison and caning upon conviction.

According to the facts of the case, the incident allegedly occurred between 2am and 3am on Dec 26 at a property in Bandar Baru Permyjaya.

Prosecuting officer ASP Mary Ong requested a new mention date to allow the case to be transferred to the Sessions Court.

Magistrate Sandy Yvette

Freddy, who presided over the hearing via Zoom, approved the request and set Jan 8 for further mention.

The accused, who was unrepresented by legal counsel, was released on RM9,000 bail with two local sureties.

The court also instructed the man not to interfere with the victim and her family, and to report to the Bekenu police station every month until the disposal of the case.