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Teen sent to Henry Gurney for sexually assaulting underage girl

KUCHING: The Magistrates' Court yesterday ordered a 17-year-old boy to be detained at Henry Gurney School in Puncak Borneo for three years for sexually assaulting a minor in April this year.

Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan made the order after reviewing the boy's probation record, and also directed the boy's mother to visit him once every two months throughout his stay at the school.

The accused had earlier pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 14(a) of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017, which carries a maximum jail term of 20 years and whipping, upon conviction.

He committed the offence against a then 16-year-old girl at a bus stop in an open area at the end of Jalan FAC Matang here at around 8pm on April 18.

According to the facts of the case, the boy and the victim became acquainted in early March 2026 before entering into a romantic relationship.

On the day of the incident, the victim was picked up by the boy on a motorcycle and they went out together.

He took her to a bus stop where he forcibly removed her shirt and trousers, roughly pulled her by the hand, and committed physical sexual assault against her.

The victim fought back and tried to push him away but was unable to do so.

Acting on a report lodged, police arrested the boy on May 19.

Deputy public prosecutor Nurul Aqila Morsalin prosecuted, while the boy was unrepresented by counsel.