

Man jailed 21 months for disposing of stolen car batteries, criminal trespass

MIRI: A 36-year-old man was sentenced to a total of 21 months' jail by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for disposing of stolen car batteries and trespassing into the compound of a house.

Magistrate Ashok Linggam convicted Tan Wei Sing on his own guilty plea to three charges of disposing of stolen property framed under Section 414 of the Penal Code, which provides for up to seven years' jail or a fine, or both, on conviction.

Tan received six months' jail each for the first two charges, and seven months for the third, with the court ordering the sentences to run consecutively from the date of his arrest on Sept 10, 2026.

According to the charges, the accused stole a total of 15 used car batteries from a house in Bandar Baru Permyjaya.

He sold four of the stolen batteries on Aug 28, four on Sept 1, and seven on Sept 3, all to a scrap metal shop.

The court also sentenced Tan to another two months' jail under Section 447 of the Penal Code after he pleaded guilty to trespassing into the compound of the same house on Sept 2.

The imprisonment was ordered to run concurrently with the three sentences under Section 414.

Deputy public prosecutor Mohammad Syafiq Samry prosecuted the case, while Tan was unrepresented by counsel.