

# Salesman gets 10 years, 6 strokes for raping minor

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**KUCHING:** A phone salesman who raped his 15-year-old girlfriend has been sentenced to 10 years in prison and six strokes of the cane.

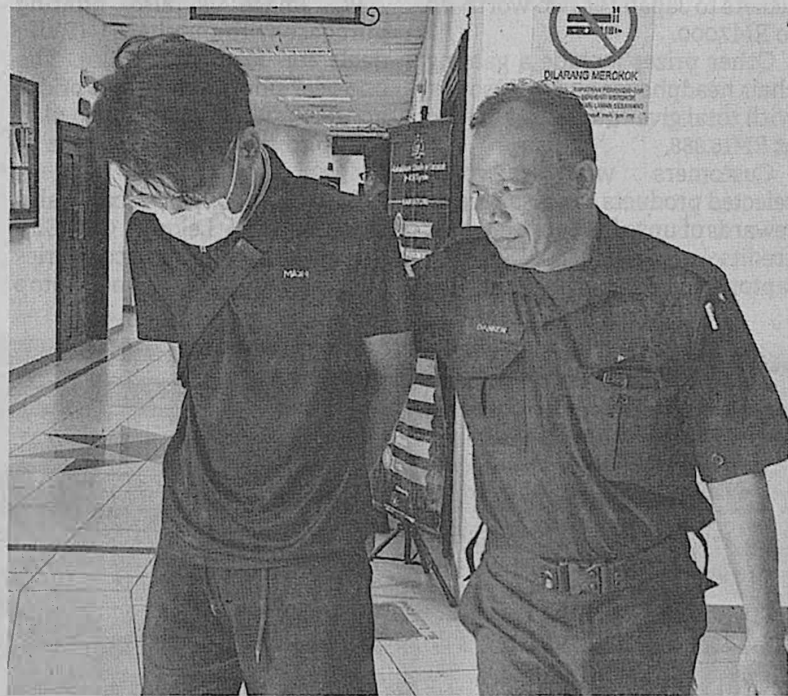
Sessions Court Judge Musli Ab Hamid convicted Bong Chou Swee, 21, on his own guilty to a charge under Section 376(1) of the Penal Code for statutory rape, which provides for a maximum 20 years in jail and caning, upon conviction.

The court also ordered for him to undergo rehabilitative counselling while serving his sentence, and to be placed under two years' police supervision after completing it. The offence was committed in an apartment here between 2am and 3am on May 11.

According to the facts of the case, Bong and the victim had known each other since August 2024 and began a romantic relationship in April this year.

On the night of May 10, the girl sneaked Bong into her apartment, which she later admitted to doing. They had sexual intercourse for the first time on a consensual basis in the early hours of the following day.

When the girl's mother went



Bong is escorted away after sentencing. — Photo by Kentigern Minggu

to wake her up for school, she discovered Bong hiding behind a door in the nude. Suspecting that her daughter had been raped, she lodged a police report, leading to Bong's arrest.

The girl complained of bodily pain and experienced bleeding during urination after intercourse.

During a medical examination,

a doctor confirmed old hymenal tears at the 1, 6, and 11 o'clock positions, consistent with blunt force penetration.

The girl stated that she had never engaged in sexual intercourse with any man other than Bong. Bong was unrepresented during proceedings, while Insp Nur Ain Wong investigated the case.