

Temple donations thief jailed three months

SIBU: A man who stole donation money from a temple here was sentenced by the Magistrates' Court yesterday to three months in prison.

Magistrate Romario Jonoï imposed the sentence on Tang Kah Pui, 49, from Baleh, Kapit after he pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 380 of the Penal Code.

The offence was committed at about 5.52am along Jalan Temple on March 9, 2026.

Based on the facts of the case, the complainant was informed by a cleaner that a donation box placed at the counter inside the temple was missing.

A search of the premises later found the donation box at the rear corner of the temple in a damaged condition, with the cash inside missing.

Security camera footage showed the accused lifting the box and taking the money donated by devotees and temple visitors.

Acting on a report, police arrested Tang later the same day and seized a shirt worn during the theft.

The accused also led police to where he had kept the stolen donations.

ASP Sokolinkam Changan handled the prosecution, while the accused was unrepresented by legal counsel.