

# Man jailed, fined for damaging neighbour's car, issuing threats

**KUCHING:** A 30-year-old man was sentenced to six months' jail and a fine of RM3,000, in default six-month imprisonment, after pleading guilty to damaging his neighbour's car and threatening her.

Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan convicted Jemurphy Jenim on charges under Sections 427 and 506 of the Penal Code.

Section 427 carries a jail term of between one and five years, a fine, or both, upon conviction, while Section 506 provides for imprisonment of up to two years,

a fine, or both.

The offences were committed at a house in a village along Jalan Batu Kitang at about 12.22pm on April 4.

According to the facts of the case, Jemurphy became involved in an altercation with the victim before punching the fender of her sedan and threatening to assault her.

The victim feared for her safety as a result of the threats and suffered losses estimated at RM1,052, due to the damage to her vehicle.

The incident was witnessed by the victim's mother, who also heard the threats by the accused.

The victim subsequently lodged a police report, leading to Jemurphy's arrest.

It is understood that the altercation stemmed from a misunderstanding, with Jemurphy believing that the victim's father had influenced her to dislike him. Deputy public prosecutor Muhammad Afiq Safly Nor Kazly appeared for the prosecution, while Jemurphy was unrepresented.