

Senior citizen fined for threatening to shoot shop owner over firecrackers

KUCHING: A senior citizen was fined RM6,000, in default 12-month imprisonment, for threatening to shoot a shop owner during the grand opening of a shop next to an eatery where he was eating nearly three years ago.

Magistrate Nursyaheeqa Nazwa Radzali convicted Saidi Abang Samsudin, 67, on his own guilty plea to a charge under Section 506 of the Penal Code for criminal intimidation.

The Section provides for a maximum seven-year imprisonment or a fine, or both, upon conviction.

The offence was committed at an eatery on Jalan Wan Alwi here at 11.02am on Dec 22, 2023.

According to the facts of the case, the female shop owner was called over by an unidentified man – later identified as Saidi – to a table at the eatery, where he showed her an object believed to be a pistol.

Saidi then threatened her, saying: "Saya rasa nak tembak ja u" (I feel like shooting you).

Fearing for her safety, the woman lodged a police report, leading to Saidi's arrest later that day.

Police also seized a Springfield XDS 9mm pistol, a firearm and ammunition possession licence (Pol 114), a magazine, and five rounds of 9mm ammunition.

Further investigations, including closed-circuit television footage, confirmed that Saidi had committed the criminal intimidation against the complainant.

It is understood that the incident started when Saidi became upset over loud firecrackers being set off next door during the new shop's grand opening.

Bothered by the noise and ash entering the eatery where he was eating, he called the shop owner over and scolded her.

Deputy public prosecutor Muhammad Aidil Akmal Sharidan appeared for the prosecution, while Saidi was represented by counsel Satinder Singh Sandhu.