

Man who spat in mum's face, threatened to beat her up jailed 17 months

KUCHING: The Magistrates' Court here has sentenced an unemployed man to a total of 17 months' jail for repeatedly spitting in his mother's face and threatening to beat her up after she did not give him money.

Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan imposed the sentence on Joseph Sumbang, 36, after he pleaded guilty to two charges under Sections 506 and 509 of the Penal Code.

For the first charge of criminal intimidation by threatening to beat his mother up, Joseph was sentenced to 14 months' behind bars.

For the second charge of insulting the modesty of his mother by spitting on her, he received three months in jail.

The court ordered both sentences to run concurrently from April 7.

He committed the offence at a house in Kampung Sungai Apong Baru here at around 9.30pm on April 2, 2026.

Based on the facts of the case,

Joseph ran amok and acted aggressively during an argument with his 68-year-old mother.

He repeatedly spat at her face, punched the walls, and hit the mattress where his mother was sleeping.

Joseph frequently became angry whenever his mother refused to give him the money he demanded, causing her to live in fear and trauma.

He also threatened to beat his mother up.

Joseph, who was under the influence of drugs during the incident, also demanded for his mother's mobile phone before leaving the house.

Fearing for her safety, his mother lodged a police report, leading to his arrest on April 3.

It is understood that Joseph often asked for money to buy drugs.

The case was handled by deputy public prosecutor Ahmad Fauzulutfi Suriani, while Joseph was unrepresented by legal counsel.