

# Man who threatened neighbour with knife over joss paper fined RM5,000

**KUCHING:** The Magistrates' Court here yesterday fined a 43-year-old man RM5,000 in default six months in jail for threatening his neighbour with a knife because of joss paper burning.

Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan meted out the fine after Kuan Poh Chung pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 506 of the

Penal Code, which provides for imprisonment of up to seven years or a fine, or both.

He committed the offence at around 11pm on April 24 at a Jalan Stutong house.

Based on the facts of the case, the victim, a 47-year-old woman, was burning joss paper with her family as part of prayers for her

late father when the accused approached them in an agitated state.

He then took out a knife, waved it at the victim and her family, and issued threats, warning that he would kill them and burn their car if they continued the activity.

A police report was lodged and the accused was arrested for

further investigation.

Investigations revealed that the incident was recorded on a dash camera belonging to one of the victim's family members, which showed Kuan brandishing the knife and making threats.

Deputy public prosecutor Ahmad Fauzulutfi Suriani appeared for the prosecution.