

Man fined RM400 in default one-week jail over charge of causing common danger

SIBU: A 40-year-old man was fined RM400 in default one week in prison by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for causing common danger.

Magistrate Romario Jono announced the sentence after Yew Dee Sung, from Jalan Permai here, pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 290 of the Penal Code for causing common danger to the people in general who occupies a property in the vicinity. The Section provides for a maximum fine of RM400 upon conviction.

Yew committed the offence on Aug 5, at 9.10am, at a daycare centre in Jalan Belatok here.

Based on the facts of the case, a complainant was informed by a teacher that there was a fire in front of the daycare centre's fence.

She went to check and found glass fragments on the road. CCTV footage later revealed two men on a motorcycle threw Molotov cocktails at the rear of a car in front of the centre.

Acting on the complainant's report, police arrested Yew on Dec 16 at Lai Chee Road here.

Police investigation revealed that he was invited by his friend, surnamed Ling, without being informed of the main motive to throw a Molotov cocktail at the car. Yew was instructed by Ling to drive him to the centre, where Ling committed the act.

After that, Yew was directed by Ling to proceed to a parking area near a supermarket in Jalan Salim to collect payment.

He was also reminded by Ling not to disclose the incident to anyone.

Yew, who was not represented by a legal counsel, paid the fine.

Deputy public prosecutor Aiman Zarith Zahrullail prosecuted.