



Policemen escorting the teenager at Kuching Court Complex.

# Rape of minor: Boy in Kuching sent to Henry Gurney School

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**KUCHING:** An 18-year-old boy, the father of a newborn baby who was found among the bushes in Bandar Baru Samariang last November, was sent to Henry Gurney School in Puncak Borneo after having pleaded guilty to raping a 14-year-old girl.

It is learned that he would remain at the school until he reaches the age of 21.

Sessions Court Judge Iris Awen Jon yesterday meted out the sentence against the young offender after receiving a report from the Welfare Department.

The boy was charged under Section 376(1) of the Penal Code, which provides for an imprisonment term of up to 20 years, or caning, upon conviction.

According to the facts of the case, the boy had raped the girl inside a room at the Matang area here in March last year.

The girl's mother lodged a police report after she gave birth to a baby girl on Nov 28, 2023.

The complainant did not know that her daughter was pregnant, and suspected that she had sex with the boy in Matang.

Following police investigation, the boy was arrested on Dec 1 last year, and a chemist report confirmed that he is the biological father of the baby.

The case was prosecuted by DPP Ruvinasini Pandian, while the boy was unrepresented by counsel.

Meanwhile, the Magistrates' Court had, on Dec 11 last year, ordered the girl to undergo

a six-month good-behaviour bond after she pleaded guilty to concealing the birth of a baby girl in Bandar Baru Samariang.

Based on the facts of the case, a police officer, who was the complainant in this case, was on duty at the Santubong police station when she received a phone call from a member of the public stating that a baby girl had been found in the grasses near Lorong 19, Cahaya Damai in Bandar Baru Samariang, at 9.45am on Nov 29 last year.

The baby, with the umbilical cord still attached, was then handed over to the police before being sent to Sarawak General Hospital for further action.

The investigation led to the arrest of the girl at around 8pm on Nov 29.