

Man fined RM5,000 for threatening to share nude photos, videos of Tinder acquaintance

KUCHING: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday fined a 21-year-old man RM5,000, in default 12-month imprisonment, for threatening to distribute nude photos and videos of a woman he knew through the dating app Tinder.

Magistrate Mason Jaro Lenya Barayan meted out the sentence on Chen Boon Ming after he pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 506 of the Penal Code for criminal intimidation with intent to impute unchastity (slander).

The Section provides for

imprisonment of up to seven years, or a fine, or both, upon conviction.

The offence was committed at an apartment complex in Jalan Stampin Tengah at 5.46pm on Oct 26 this year.

Based on the facts of the case, the victim, an ice-cream seller, lodged a police report stating that while she was at home, she received a WhatsApp message from Chen, whom she had known for several months.

Chen had threatened to distribute her nude photos and

videos if she failed to reply to his messages.

Police arrested the accused on Oct 28 and seized four mobile phones and five SIM cards, all belonging to Chen.

Investigations revealed that one of the seized phones contained the threats as well as the victim's nude photos and videos, as reported by the victim.

Chen made the threat out of anger after the victim failed to respond to his WhatsApp messages. He was unrepresented during the proceedings.