

Two illegal immigrants get 20 months over stolen property

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TAWAU: Two illegal immigrants pleaded guilty to disposing of stolen property and possessing stolen property in the Magistrate's Court here, Friday. Mohd Aizal Idrus, 28, was sentenced to 20 months for both charges, while his accomplice, Abdul Razak Karim, 31, was sentenced to 11 months for disposing of stolen property, namely a folding bicycle. Both accused were charged with disposing of stolen property together. They were also ordered to serve their sentences starting from the date of their arrest and to be referred to the Malaysian Immigration Department after they had served their sentences. Mohd Aizal, who also faced a charge of possessing stolen property, namely a television, was sentenced to nine months. Both accused pleaded guilty before Magistrate Dayang Aidaku Amira Aminuddin after a court interpreter read the charges. For the offence of possessing a stolen television, Mohd Aizal admitted to committing the crime in a rented room in the Bank Islam building on Jalan Haji Karim on April 29, this year, around 2.45pm. For the offence of disposing of a stolen folding bicycle, Mohd Aizal and Abdul Razak admitted to committing the crime in the Masjid Mat Salleh Batu area on Jalan Apas on April 27, this year, around 4pm. Both accused were arrested in an operation on April 5, this year, between 11.45am and 2.45pm at an unnumbered house in Kampung Titingan and a rented room on Jalan Haji Karim. The police investigation found that Mohd Aizal sold the stolen bicycle to an unknown person in the Masjid Mat Salleh area for RM50 at Abdul Razak's suggestion, and the earnings were shared equally.

Meanwhile, the television that Mohd Aizal kept in his rented room was identified by its owner during identification. On April 27, this year, around 11am, the homestay owner, Samsiah Samsul, 32, received a WhatsApp video call from her neighbour, who was assigned as the housekeeping personnel, showing that the door of the homestay in Taman Residensi Prima Runggu was unlocked. An inspection through the video call revealed that a television and a folding bicycle were missing. They were suspected to have been taken by the guests who rented the homestay, who checked in at 2am that day. Mohd Aizal was charged under Section 411 of the Penal Code, which carries an imprisonment of up to five years or a fine or both if convicted. Abdul Razak and him were also charged under Section 414 of the Penal Code, read together with Section 34 of the same code, which carries a penalty of up to seven years in prison, a fine, or both if convicted. Deputy Public Prosecutor ASP Jeffrey Kadison prosecuted, and neither accused was represented.