

Repeat drug offenders get jail, ordered whipped



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KUCHING: The Sessions Court here yesterday sentenced a repeat drug offender to five years and two months in prison and two strokes of the cane for abusing amphetamine and methamphetamine.

Judge Iris Awen Jon convicted Vincent Anong Win on his own guilty plea to a charge under Section 15(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act (DDA) 1952, punishable under Section 39C(1)(b) of the same Act.

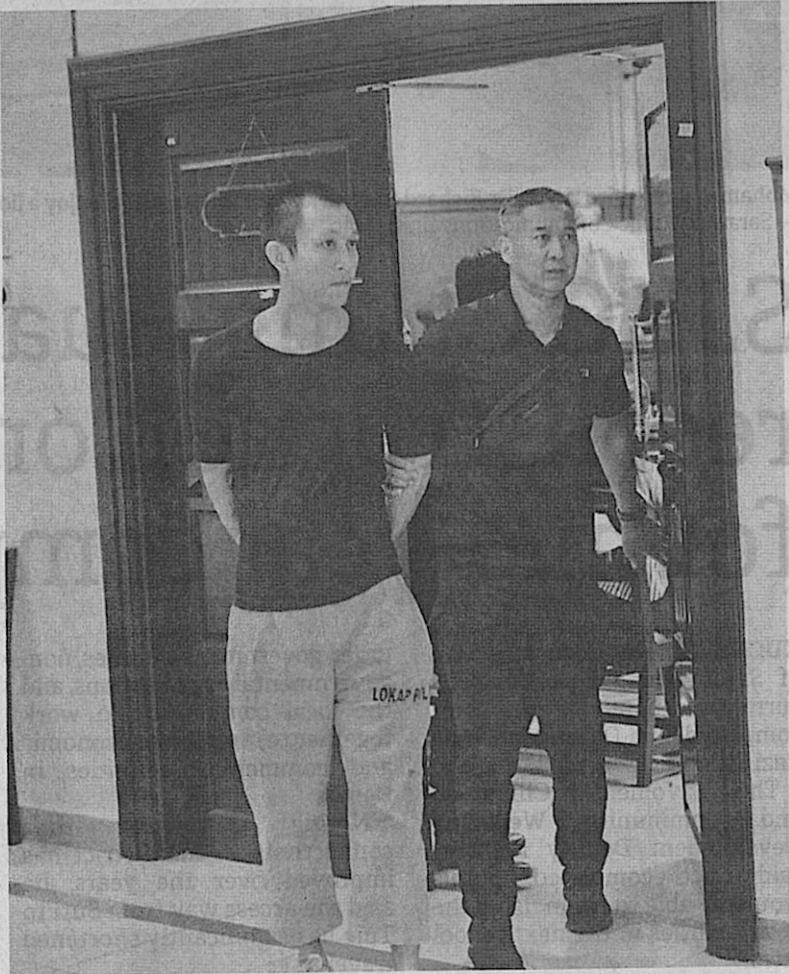
The Section carries imprisonment for a term of between five and seven years, and whipping of no more than three strokes, upon conviction.

Vincent has three prior drug abuse convictions in February and April of 2023.

He was tested positive for the two drugs at the Serian Narcotics Criminal Investigation Division office at around 10.15pm on Oct 11, 2024.

Meanwhile, in a separate proceeding before Judge Iris, another repeat drug offender was sentenced to five years and three months in prison, and ordered to be whipped twice.

Nur Muhamaad Zaitul Ikhmal Reki, 28, entered a plea of guilty after the charge under Section 15(1)(a) of the DDA 1952, punishable under Section 39C(1)(b) of the same Act, was read out to him.



Vincent being led away after the proceeding. — Photo by Roystein Emmor

He was tested positive for amphetamine and methamphetamine at the Kuching Narcotics Criminal Investigation Division office at about 3.25pm on Jan 21 last year.

The accused has two previous drug abuse convictions, one in November 2018 and the other in April 2022.

The court also ordered both accused to undergo supervision for two years following the completion of their custodial sentence.

Deputy public prosecutors Ruvinasini Pandian and Chuah Kai Sheng appeared for the prosecution, while both accused were unrepresented.