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Hairstylist leaves court a free man

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KOTA KINABALU: A hairstylist walked out a free man yesterday after the Sessions Court discharged and acquitted him from an armed gang robbery charge.

Judge Azreena Aziz freed Arbee Erwyn Slaiman, 29, after a full trial where she ruled that the prosecution had not proven its case beyond reasonable doubt against the accused.

Arbee had claimed trial on Dec 3 last year against the charge of robbing one Razmin Khan, 46, whilst armed with a machete in a sundry shop along Jalan Kionsom in Inanam on October 4 the same year at around 8.30am.

The charge framed under Section 395/397 of the Penal Code carries a jail term of up to 20 years and whipping, on conviction.

Arbee who was unrepresented during his trial which began on May 11 this year, has elected to testify on oath before closing his defence stage with three witnesses including himself. The prosecution has produced five witnesses.

Arbee had said that he had nothing to do with the crime as during the incident he was with his mother at their saloon.

While the alleged accomplice, Mizbal Arad, 36 also testified that he had committed the crime with an accomplice named Totoi.

Mizbal also testified about Totoi's physical characteristics which resembled Arbee but Totoi is shorter than Arbee and has no tattoo.

Arbee only appointed his counsel, Michelle Rossana Usman for his submission after he closed his defence. Deputy public prosecutor Husna Abd Halim conducted the prosecution.

In a separate case, 12 people including two women were jailed between four and five months for entering the State illegally.

Judge Azreena Aziz imposed the sentence on the immigrants aged between 18 to 45 for violating Section 6 (1)(c) of the Immigration Act 1959/63 which carries a maximum fine of RM10,000 or a jail term of up to five years or both and with whipping, on conviction.

She also ordered the men to be given a stroke of the cane except for the elderly and female offenders. Chief Insp Lim Swee Beng prosecuted.



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