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Judge warns Senario's Yassin who turns up late in court

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - The magistrate's court today warned Yassin Yahaya, a member of the popular comedy group Senario, that his bail would be increased if he came late to court again.

Magistrate Wan Fatimah Zaharah Wan Yussof issued the warning before cancelling a warrant of arrest against Yassin and a notice to his bailor, Mahathir Mohd Sidi who is the manager of Senario, about one-and-a-half-hours earlier.

Wan Fatimah issued the warrant of arrest after Yassin failed to turn up when his case was called about 9.30am.

Yassin was seen in the court compound about 11am. Yassin who was unrepresented apologised to the court.

He said he had just come back from a promotion in Johor Baru and the car he was travelling in had broken down along the way.

Yassin, 23, and five others face two charges of possessing two grams of cannabis and 34 small bottles containing a black liquid believed to be drugs.

The other five accused were traders Azhar Alias, 25, and Mohd Nasrum Tahir, 23, two artiste crew members Norfadli Sahran, 22, and Zaharizan Hassan, 22, and an unemployed Muhammad Ruqaibah Mohd Idrus, 18.

They were alleged to have committed the offences at a house in Desa View Tower, Jalan Genting Klang, about 6.30pm on Oct 23.

Only Azhar pleaded guilty.

Nasrum faces another charge of failing to produce his identity card or any temporary identity document when arrested by the police. He had pleaded guilty when charged on Oct 30, but changed his plea today.

The first charge under Section 6 of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 is punishable by a maximum of five years' jail or RM20,000 fine or both.

The second charge, under Section 12(2) of the same Act, is punishable by a maximum of five years' jail or RM100,000 fine or both.

They were allowed RM6,000 bail in one surety each but only Yassin, Norfadli and Zaharizan posted bail. Today Nasrum's sister posted his bail.

Today was fixed for sentencing of Azhar and hearing for the others.

Prosecuting Officer Chief Inspector Nadzir Othman, however, asked for a postponement saying that the chemist report was not ready.

Wan Fatimah fixed Jan 22 for mention.

Norfadli and Zaharizan were represented by counsel Adli Abdullah.

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