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KUCHING: A woman from Sabah was fined RM1,000 in default one month in jail after she pleaded guilty in the Magistrates' Court here yesterday to unlawfully possessing RM1,000 in her bank account in 2018.

Lee Phui Kun, 33, made the plea before magistrate Zubaidah Sharkawi to a charge under Section 37(1) of the Minor Offences Ordinance Sarawak

1958, which carries a jail term of up to three months and a fine of up to RM500, upon conviction.

Based on the facts of the case, the lawful owner of the money had applied for a loan online and was instructed to make payments amounting to RM1,000 to secure the loan.

On Oct 30, 2018, the complainant went to a bank near Jalan Tun Jugah here and transferred the amount to an

account under Lee's name.

When the loan did not come through, the complainant filed a police report which led to Lee's arrest.

An investigation found that Lee, who failed to explain the transaction into her bank account, had given her bank card to another person.

Insp Nur Shafiqah Nyaie Ilin prosecuted the case, while Lee was unrepresented.
