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KUCHING: A 29-year-old man was fined RM10,000 in default one month in prison for indirectly engaging in a RM4,200 transaction without lawful purpose using his bank account.

Magistrate Leona Dominic Mojiliu imposed the fine on Lawrance Sim Shun Khiong after he pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 424C(1) of the Penal Code.

The offence was committed at a house on Jalan Bako, Demak Laut here on Nov 6, 2024.

According to the facts of the case, the female complainant had responded to a loan advertisement on Facebook while seeking a loan of RM10,000.

She was subsequently contacted by two individuals and told to make several payments as part of the loan process before the funds could be released.

Between Nov 4 and 6, 2024, she made six transfers totalling RM9,510 to several bank accounts.

Of the amount, a total of RM4,200 was transferred in two transactions into Sim's bank account.

The complainant lodged a police report for investigation when she realised she had been duped, after being asked to make a further payment of RM3,600 to increase her withdrawal limit.

Investigations found that Sim had engaged in carrying out the transactions without a lawful purpose.

Deputy public prosecutor Ahmad Fauzulutfi Suriani handled the prosecution, while the accused was unrepresented by counsel.