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MIRI: A technician was fined RM350 in default two weeks' imprisonment by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for acting as a mule account holder.

Magistrate Ashok Linggam meted out the fine on Shahrin Nizam Arshad, 46, from Penang after he pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 37(1) of the Sarawak Minor Offences Ordinance 1958.

According to the facts of the case, the accused was found in possession of RM350 in his bank account which was suspected to be unlawfully obtained.

During the investigation, Shahrin failed to explain how the funds came into his possession.

He committed the offence at 12.49pm on June 30 at a lot on Jalan Kampung Luak 4E, Kampung Luak Bay, Jalan Bakam here.

In mitigation, the married father of two pleaded for leniency as he was a first-time offender.

The prosecution was handled by deputy public prosecutor Luqman Hakim Sahrol Bahar, while the accused did not have legal representation.