

16 years jail, rotan for raping daughter

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Four strokes ordered for man with four wives, 10 children

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SHAH ALAM: A 49-year-old food stall operator was jailed 16 years and ordered to be given four strokes of the rotan by the Sessions Court here on two counts of raping his daughter.

Judge M. Gunalan ordered both sentences to run concurrently from the date of arrest on Nov 12, 2006.

The man, who has four wives and 10 children, committed the offences in June 2005 and in April 2006 at his home in Kampung Simpang Tiga, Gombak.

He had initially been charged with three counts of raping his then 13-year-old daughter.

However, he was only asked to enter his defence for the first two charges at the end of the prosecution's case in April.

He escaped from the third charge of raping the girl in September 2006 due to lack of evidence.

The man looked calm and composed when Gunalan read out the sentence.

The judge said the sentence

must reflect the heinous nature of the crime.

He also said that the court had to take into account the impact of the crime on the child.

It was revealed in the proceedings earlier that the girl had sent her mother an SMS about the rape after the woman had chided her for going to a relative's house every night.

The SMS read:

"I have been raped by my own father and no one even knows about it".

In Klang, a 56-year-old security guard was charged at the Sessions Court with two counts of sexually violating his 10-year-old step-daughter.

In the first charge, he is accused of raping the girl at a house in Kampung Nelayan in Port Klang between May and June 2008.

He is also accused of having committed carnal intercourse against the order of nature on the girl between May 2008 and June 18 this year.

If convicted, he faces up to 20 years' jail and whipping for each charge.

Judge Anita Harun denied bail and fixed Aug 17 for mention.