

15-YEAR-OLD VICTIM

# MAN PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO RAPE

He allegedly raped  
underage girl at Ipoh hotel

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**A** 20-YEAR-OLD man was charged in the Sessions Court here yesterday with raping an underage girl.

Afiq Yan Muhammad Farid Yan, however, pleaded not guilty when the charge was read before judge Norita Mohd Ardani.

He was charged with raping the 15-year-old victim at a hotel here on July 16 at

12.30am.

The accused was charged under Section 376(1) of the Penal Code for rape, which carries a jail term of up to 20 years and whipping, upon conviction.

Deputy public prosecutor Afiqa Liyana offered bail of RM10,000 for the charge with one surety as it was a serious offence.

However, lawyer Mahajoth Singh appealed to the court for the accused to be granted a low bail of between RM5,000 and RM6,000 because the Afiq Yan's parents were only odd-job workers and his brother was due to enrol in university.

The court allowed bail of RM5,000 with one surety and ordered the accused not to disturb or contact the victim.

The case is set for mention on Sept 9.



*Afiq Yan Muhammad Farid Yan being led to the Sessions Court in Ipoh yesterday.* PIC BY L. MANIMARAN

It was learnt that the accused is expected to be charged again with his four other friends tomorrow.

It was reported that police arrested six male suspects, including a teenager, for allegedly raping a female student.

Perak police chief Datuk Mior Fari-

dalathrash Wahid said the suspects, aged between 16 and 21, were picked up in several areas here after the victim's mother lodged a police report.

He said based on the report, the victim was found semi-conscious in a house at Panorama Lapangan Terbang.

## UNDERAGE VICTIM

# Preacher remanded over alleged rape

**IPOH:** A freelance preacher has been remanded for five days for allegedly raping a 14-year-old girl.

The remand order, which ends on Aug 1, was granted by magistrate Noor Azreen Liana Mohd Darus.

The remand order will enable the police to investigate the man, who is in his 30s, under Section 376 of the Penal Code for rape and Section 14(a) of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017.

The preacher, who was held at the Kuala Selangor district police headquarters on July 18, was previously remanded at the Kuala Lumpur police contingent headquarters for four days.

The case was handed over to Kuala Lumpur police on July 23 for further investigation as the rape case was reported to have taken place in Kuala Lumpur.

It was reported that four police reports were lodged, two in Selangor and one each in Kuala Lumpur and Perak.

Perak police chief Datuk Mior Fari-dalathrash Wahid said the preacher was also being investigated by Perak police.

He said an investigation paper had been opened as state police also received a report on another alleged rape involving the same person.

It is believed that the alleged rape happened in Ipoh early this year.