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Second syariah court official out on bail

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**IPOH:** A syariah court official who was arrested for allegedly receiving bribes to settle a khalwat (close proximity) case has been released on bail.

The 38-year-old official posted the RM3,000 bail at the Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) office here after his two-day remand expired on Saturday.

He was brought to court before magistrate Mahyudin Mohamad Som at about 9.45am.

This makes him the second official to be released on bail within three weeks.

On Sept 6, a senior Perak syariah court official had been arrested on suspicion of accepting RM4,200 in bribes to expedite the settlement of a case involving a VIP.

The official, in his 50s, was later released on a RM10,000 bail at the ACA office on Sept 10.

When contacted, Perak ACA director Samsiah Abu Bakar said the investigation papers on the first case had been forwarded to the headquarters and Perak ACA is now waiting for instructions.

?We have recommended that he be charged but it?s up to headquarters (to decide),? she added.