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Ex-Jais officer denies asking for 'sexual' bribe

KUALA LUMPUR: A former investigating officer of the Selangor Religious Department (Jais) was charged in a Sessions Court with trying to get a bribe in the form of sexual gratification from a salon worker.

Amiruddin Hassan, 34, who was then Jais Islamic affairs assistant, was said to have attempted to get such a bribe from Hazlin Sulaiman, 43, as an inducement to settle her case.

Hazlin was alleged to have committed an offence under Section 10(a) of the Selangor Syariah Criminal Enactment 1995 for causing disgrace to the Islamic religion.

Hazlin was found in a massage parlour's kitchen in Petaling Jaya during a raid by a Jais enforcement team at 4pm on April 19.

At that time, a 29-year-old woman and a Bangladeshi were also found in the same kitchen.

Hazlin, a single mother, was handed over to Amiruddin, who was the investigating officer handling her case.

Amiruddin was accused of committing the offence at a hotel in Jalan Tambi Pillay at 9.15pm on May 8.

Hazlin, of Kelana Jaya, had lodged a complaint over the matter later that night.

Upon hearing the charge yesterday, Amiruddin, of Klang, uttered "no" and claimed trial.

Under Section 16 of the Anti-Corruption Act 1997, a person who is convicted can be sentenced up to 20 years' jail and fined five times the amount of the bribe or RM10,000, whichever is higher.

Sessions Court judge Zamri Ibrahim granted bail of RM3,000 in one surety. Amiruddin was unable to post bail.

The judge set Dec 10 for mention pending the appointment of a lawyer for him.

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