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**PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
V
HJ SHAHRUM BIN HJ SHAHBUDIN
NORSHAHIELA BINTI HJ SHAHRUM**

The Magistrates Court on 12th November 2022 convicted Hj Shahrum bin Hj Shahbudin on charge of causing hurt to an officer of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) while his daughter Norshahiela binti Hj Shahrum was convicted on a charge of damaging a government vehicle belonging to the ACB. Both Hj Shahrum and Norshahiela were also convicted of a charge for assaulting officers of the ACB whilst the officers were carrying out their official duties.

In delivering her judgment, the Honourable Senior Magistrate Pengiran Hazirah binti Pengiran Hj Mohd Yusof, accepted the evidence that Haji Shahrum attacked an ACB officer when ACB officers were enquiring about Hj Shahrum's son. Haji Shahrum then attacked the ACB officer by choking and pushing the officer's neck.

The court remarked that there was no excuse for resorting to violence and agreed with the Prosecution that public servants should feel safe in the discharge of their duties. Further, the Prosecution submitted that the seriousness of the offence calls for a stiff deterrent sentence.

Hj Shahrum was sentenced to a total period of 6 months imprisonment on the charges of assaulting and causing hurt to the ACB officers. For Norshahiela, a total sentence of 6 months imprisonment was imposed on her for the charges of assaulting the ACB officers and causing damage to the ACB vehicle. Further, the court imposed a compensation order for the sum of BND3353.03 for the cost of repairs. Failure to do so would result in an additional 2 weeks imprisonment.

Raihan Ahmad Ghazali appeared for the Public Prosecutor while Rozaiman Abdul Rahman of Rozaiman Abdul Rahman Advocates & Solicitors appeared for the Defendants.

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