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KOTA KINABALU: An HIV positive local man was convicted of theft and sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment by the Magistrate's Court yesterday.

William Ng, 42, admitted to a charge framed under Section 380 of the Penal Code which provides for a maximum jail of 10 years, and also liable to a fine, upon conviction.

Ng had stolen a bag containing a cell phone belonging to a woman from a room of a restaurant in Inaman on August 27.

In pleading for a lenient sentence, the unrepresented accused informed the court that he is an HIV positive carrier and has to go to the hospital for review once every three months.

He also said that he lived in poverty and could not afford to buy any food.