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KUALA TERENGGANU: A police inspector has pleaded not guilty at the Session's Court yesterday to a charge of accepting RM3,000 as inducement to reduce the charges on a drug offender under his investigation.

The accused, Lee Beng Oui, 37, from the Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department at Kemaman police headquarters was charged under Section 17(a) of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009, before Judge Mohamad Haldar Abd Aziz.

Lee was alleged to have received RM3,000 from a police-

man, Corporal Aziz Abdullah, who was representing the father of the drug offender, Asmadi M. Ali, in front of a house at Blok Ezora Perumahan Polis, Bukit Mentok Kemaman on Feb 29, 2016 at 11.45 pm.

The drug suspect, Firdaus Asmadi, was detained under Section 12(2) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 for possession of drugs and Section 15(1) of the same act for consumption of drugs following a positive urine test.

The bribe was to let Firdaus escape the possession offence, which carries a heavier penalty.

If found guilty, Lee would be

sentenced under Section 24 of the MACC Act, which carries a jail sentence of not more than 20 years and a fine of not less than five times the amount of the bribe, or RM10,000, or whichever is higher.

The case has been fixed for remention on Feb 21 and bail set at RM10,000 for Lee.

The prosecution was represented by deputy public prosecutor Amer Abu Bakar Abdullah, while Lee was represented by Yayasan Bantuan Guaman Kebangsaan (YBGK) lawyer Puteri Hikmatul Raudah Dzulaika Mohamad.



Lee Beng Oui at the Sessions Court in Kuala Terengganu yesterday.
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