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Anwar's nephew on drug rap

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CLAIMING TRIAL: Councillor's aide accused of taking drugs

BUKIT MERTAJAM: A personal aide of a Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) state executive councillor was yesterday charged in the magistrate's court with taking drugs.

Aidi Rafizul Idrus, who works for state Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry, Rural Development and Flood Mitigation Committee chairman Law Choo Kiang, claimed trial to the offence.

He was charged for consuming or administering to himself dangerous drugs listed in the act.

If convicted, the 37-year-old, who is also PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's nephew, faces a maximum RM5,000 fine or jail of not more than two years.

Police nabbed Aidi at a house in Jalan Paya, Berapit, about 10.30am on Dec 29 last year.

Initial test on his urine showed it was positive for methampetamine. Further testing showed he had amphetamine in his system.

Deputy public prosecutor Siti Nor Sakinah Ibrahim asked the court to set bail at RM6,000.

Aidi's counsel, V.S. Kumar, appealed for a lesser amount, saying his client had a wife and three schoolgoing children.

The magistrate set bail at RM4,000 and fixed June 27 for mention.