

# Owner of deadly dog fined RM2,000 for negligence

**PETALING JAYA:** An accountant, whose dog mauled 74-year-old Yip Sun Wah to death in Subang Jaya last month, was fined RM2,000 in default of two months' jail by a magistrate's court here.

Magistrate Mohd Nazri Omran

fined Elaine Soon Sien Ling, 28, after she admitted being negligent at No. 59, Jalan SS19/5B, Subang Jaya, at about 9.40am on May 8.

In mitigation, Soon said she had met Yip's family to apologise, adding that she was not at home at the time

of the incident.

"My dog is always in the cage and my house gate is always locked," she said, adding that her mother, a retiree, was at home during the incident.

Soon was charged under Section 289 of the Penal Code, which carries

a penalty of up to six months in jail or a RM2,000 fine or both.

Deputy Public Prosecutor Siti Fatimah Yahya urged the court to impose a deterrent sentence on Soon.

According to the facts of the case, the dog had attacked Yip who was

jogging in front of Soon's house.

It was reported that the dog had bit Yip on the neck, almost tearing off his left ear.

It was believed that the animal had escaped through a loosely-secured rubbish compartment door.