

Indonesian maid pleaded guilty for voluntarily causing hurt to elderly woman.

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An Indonesian domestic helper accused of voluntarily causing hurt pleaded guilty at the State Courts.

Mudrikah, a 26-year-old domestic helper, who goes by one name, appeared in front of District Judge Kenneth Yap for sentencing on Wednesday, 23 January 2019. Mudrikah was accused of assaulting 69-year-old retiree, Ms Ng Chat Heng at her flat in Ang Mo Kio on 4 April 2018 as she was in her bathroom showering. The incident occurred as Ms Heng tried to grab hold of the shower head and move around and Mudrikah concerned for her employer's safety started to scold her. Court statements indicate that the accused did so as she did not want to be scolded by Ms. Heng's niece. A frustrated Mudrikah then took hold of the shower head and used it to "hit the victim on her left wrist," according to DPP Amanda Sum.

The prosecution stressed that Ms. Heng was a vulnerable victim and the domestic helper had abused a position of trust as the incident caused mild soft tissue swelling at Ms. Heng's left wrist and extensive bruising on her arm, and urged for a prison sentence.

His Honour Judge Kenneth Yap sentenced Mudrikah, who pleaded guilty to one count of assault, to a week in jail on 23 January 2019.