



# Lawyer who refused to pay parking summons wins case

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**TELUK INTAN:** A lawyer who refused to pay a summons after he parked his car in a bay with a faulty meter two years ago was acquitted and discharged by a magistrate's court here.

Magistrate D. Sunita Kaur Jessy ruled yesterday that the prosecution had failed to establish a prima facie case against R. Terence Naidu, 36, who submitted that he had fed coins into the meter but it refused to register the money.

He was charged under Clause 20(1) of the Hilir Perak District Council's Road Transport Order (Parking Bylaw) 1997 with parking his car at a bay in Jalan Maharani here without paying the meter charge at 11.55am on Jan 22, 2001.

If convicted, he would have faced a maximum RM300 fine.

Naidu, who represented himself, had earlier submitted that according to the bylaw, a parking attendant had to verify



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that he had put in money and acknowledge it by giving a receipt.

However, he said, this practice was not usually done in this country, adding that the town had only three parking attendants who also did not have

instructions to receive complaints from the public.

Naidu argued that the private company, which maintained the meters, had violated S14A (2) of the Weights and Measures Act 1972 by not sending the meters for recalibration after they had been opened for servicing.

He said there were also no means of informing the meter technicians about the problem, adding that the public should not be burdened with the responsibility of contacting the authorities.

District council prosecution officer Ibrahim Mat Din had earlier submitted that Naidu's car had been found in the parking bay and that a summons was issued because he was found to not have fed coins into the meter.

Outside the court, Naidu said the magistrate's decision was an important one as it reflected on the parking meter system of the entire country.

## Lawyer wins 'faulty' parking meter case

TELUK INTAN: A lawyer who had paid into a faulty parking meter, was charged for not paying but won his case against the Hilir Perak District Council.

Terence Naidu, 36, was yesterday discharged and acquitted by the Teluk Intan Magistrate's court without being called to enter his defence.

Magistrate Sunita Kaur said the prosecution had failed to establish a *prima facie* case against Terence for violating a local council by-law.

Terence was charged with not paying parking meter charges at Jalan Maharani, Teluk Intan, on Jan 22 at 11.55am. - **By JASPAL SINGH**

## 因沒繳停車費被控

## 執業律師贏官司

(安顺13日讯) 执业律师添仁乃都因没缴付停车费，而被下霹雳县议会控上安顺推事庭，今日被推事庭宣判无罪。

添仁是因其轿车于2001年1月22日停放在安顺皇后街，因没有在收费表投下泊车费，触犯1997年陆路交通法令（下霹雳县议会）（停车法令）第20(1)条文。

添仁曾在法庭上说，有关收费表已损坏，并指县议会已使用错误的程序来管理下霹雳的停车收费制度。

他说，全安顺市区只有3名泊车收费服务员，他们无法接受公众投诉收费表的损坏，同时也没接到指示这么做。县议会让私营公司管理有关停车收费工作已触犯1972年测量法令。有关私营公司承认他们时常打开收费表及维修後继续使用。然而依法令第14条文，有关收费表被打开後，得送到商业局去核证，否则将触犯该法令，面对最高刑罚的罚款4千元或坐牢3年。

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乃都赢了官司  
后离开法庭。