

# Three jailed for using fake money

THREE men who used fake \$50 notes as payment were jailed yesterday.

Narindran Sangara Banoi, 31, who is jobless, admitted to 15 out of 55 charges of passing off fake notes as genuine, and the counterfeiting of 31 fake \$50 notes and 10 \$10 notes.

He was given a total of eight years' jail.

In all, he produced 101 pieces of fake notes in various denominations, to the tune of \$3,970. He did this in his Yishun home, using his colour printer.

A district court heard that he began scanning and printing Singapore currency in \$2, \$10 and \$50 denominations between February and September last year, when he had money problems.

He told his friends, Jegathesan Subramaniam, 31, and Ramer Rethina Thevar Ramanathan, 42, as well as his relative Segar Ramiah, 37, about the fake notes, and passed some to them for their use.

Yesterday, Jegathesan, who admitted to two out of 10 counts involving the paying of taxi fares with the fake \$50 bills, was sentenced to three years' jail.

Ramer was sentenced to two years and three months' jail. He had admitted to using fake \$50 notes to pay for a \$2 bar of chocolate and a \$21 pair of sunglasses at two 7-Eleven outlets in Hougang on Aug 11 last year. A third charge was considered during his sentencing.

Segar's case has been fixed for a pre-trial conference.

Each of them could have been jailed up to 20 years and fined, on each charge.

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