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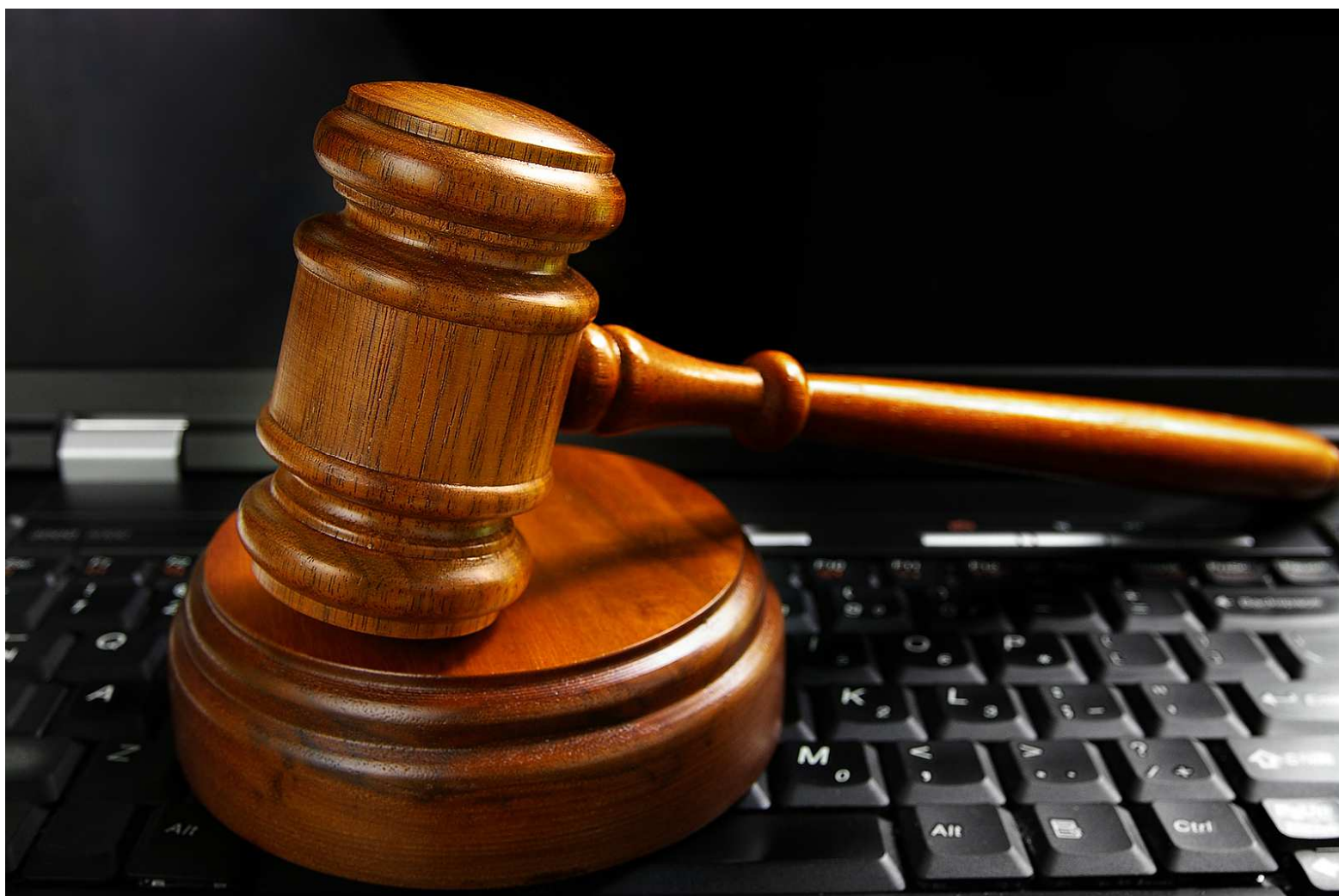
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Switch in Counsel Turns The Tide, Resulting In Acquittal

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SHAH ALAM :

It was a tense afternoon in High Court 3 here. 590g of Cannabis and two different law firms later, Muhammad Hafni Bin Mohamad Haniffa's fate was to be determined today.

Visible relief washed over the Accused's face as the YA Datuk Zulkifli bin Bakar, upon maximum evaluation of the evidence, found that the defence had successfully raised reasonable doubt in the Prosecution's case and the Prosecution had failed to prove its case beyond reasonable doubt. His Lordship then order for the Accused to be acquitted forthwith.

Muhammad Hafni was charged with one count of drug trafficking under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, an offence which is punishable by death or life imprisonment with minimum 15 strokes of whipping.

The trial commenced on February 11, 2019.

At the close of the Prosecution stage after 10 witnesses were called, the Learned Trial Judge made a finding that the Prosecution succeeded in proving a prima facie case against the Accused and called for him to enter his defence.

Dato' Geethan Ram Vincent was engaged to take the reins at the Defence stage and had called four witnesses to notonly cast a reasonable doubt on the Prosecution's case, but also to rebut the presumption of knowledge of the said drugs on a balance of probabilities.

Muhammad Hafni has been in custody since late 2017and is finally a free man after two years.

Perhaps the lawyerdoes make the case after all.