

Probation for undergrad who punched, bit, head-butted cops

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Natasha Wan Xue Wen, 24, was placed on probation for 15 months and ordered to perform 100 hours of community service by a district court. -- ST PHOTO: WONG KWAI CHOW
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She had too much to drink at the nightspot Zouk last October and ended up punching, biting and head-butting police officers. On Thursday, Natasha Wan Xue Wen, 24, was placed on probation for 15 months and ordered to perform 100 hours of community service by a district court.

The undergraduate had pleaded guilty last month to using abusive words and criminal force on public servants who were doing their job and to behaving in a disorderly manner.

Wan has also to remain at home between 11pm and 6am during the probation period and her parents signed a \$5,000 bond to ensure her good behaviour.

District Judge Soh Tze Bian warned the Singapore Management University student that any contravention of the conditions of the probation could see her back in court to be sentenced for these offences.

At about 4am on Oct 26, two male police officers were on patrol outside Zouk when they saw a bouncer escorting Wan, her boyfriend Lim Zhao Ming and another man out of the nightspot. Mr Lim had a cut near his eye and the officers asked him whether he had been assaulted and needed medical treatment.

He started shouting at them, and at this, Wan punched an officer in the face before her two friends could pull her back. She then hurled expletives at them.

Two women officers arrived to arrest her. On the way to the police station, she head-butted one of the women officers and bit the other on the wrist and hand.



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Wan was found to have a blood-alcohol level of 172mg per 100ml of blood, more than twice the 80mg limit for drink-driving.

Through her lawyer Sunil Sudheesan, she said on Thursday that she was sorry for the offences and apologised to the police officers.

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