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**3 WEEKS' JAIL FOR MAN WHO IMPERSONATED CHINESE FEMALE
TO POST RACIALLY OFFENSIVE TWEETS**

On 8 June 2021, Zainal Abidin Bin Shaiful Bahari (“**the offender**”) was convicted of two charges under section 298A of the Penal Code for committing acts which he knew would cause harm to community and racial harmony. He was sentenced to a global imprisonment term of three weeks.

2 From early 2019, the offender posted multiple racially offensive and insensitive public posts (“**tweets**”) while posing as a Singaporean Chinese female, using a Twitter account with the handle “@sharonliew86”. These tweets contained racial slurs and denigrated minority communities in Singapore. He was charged in court on 2 July 2020.

3 The sentence imposed by the court was in line with the Prosecution’s submissions that an imprisonment sentence should be imposed.

4 The Attorney-General’s Chambers takes a serious view of words or conduct which wound the racial feelings of any person or prejudices our racial harmony and community relations. Offenders who commit such acts will be dealt with firmly.

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