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TITLE: American singer Leandra Ramm cyberstalked 6 years by Singaporean

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38-year-old Colin Mak Yew Loong admitted in court, Wednesday, to 31 counts of criminal intimidation of American singer Leandra Ramm from 2005 to 2011.

SINGAPORE: For six years, American singer Leandra Ramm was terrorised by a Singaporean cyberstalker who developed a deadly liking for her.

On Wednesday, 38-year-old Colin Mak Yew Loong admitted to 31 counts of criminal intimidation of Ms Ramm from 2005 to 2011.

Ms Ramm's nightmare started in 2005 when she was featured on CNN, and caught Mak's attention.

The two had never met but Mak contacted her, purporting to champion her music career.

Then the 29-year-old singer stopped responding, and Mak began sending death threats via emails and voice messages.

Besides harassing Ms Ramm, Mak also admitted to 11 other offences, including intentional harassment, criminal trespass and stealing biscuits from a kindergarten.

Of these, Mak had targeted two other foreign musicians for offences relating to harassment and criminal intimidation.

In both instances, he developed fixations on two women, aged 28 and 30.

The prosecution proceeded on 17 of the 42 charges.

In his submissions, prosecutor Alan Hu said this is an "aggravated case involving numerous charges".

He stressed that the offences were committed over a long period of time and asked for a global sentence of two to four years' jail.

When asked for his response, Mak told the court he deeply regrets his actions as he was "deeply troubled" and had lost control at that time.

For criminal intimidation, Mak can be jailed up to seven years and fined on each count.

He is expected to be sentenced on December 13.

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