

Man fails to pay court-imposed fine for role in fatal crash, jailed 8 months

SIBU: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday fined a pickup truck driver RM8,000 in default eight months' jail for his role in a fatal road accident.

Magistrate Romario Jonoj convicted Mohd Amirul Adli Haladin, 32, from Kampung Jemoreng, Matu on his own guilty plea to a charge under Section 43(1) of the Road Transport Act 1987, which provides for a fine of between RM5,000 and RM10,000 and imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, upon conviction.

The accused failed to pay the fine.

According to the facts of the case, the accident occurred at about 11.55am on Jan 14 this year near the Kemuyang traffic light intersection along Jalan Tunku Abdul-Rahman.

Mohd Amirul was driving a pickup truck from Sibu Jaya towards Sibu town when he lost control of the vehicle, causing it to veer into the opposite lane

and collide with three vehicles including a Perodua Myvi.

As a result of the collision, the three vehicles crashed into one another.

A passenger in the Perodua Myvi suffered severe head and bodily injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Investigations revealed that the accident was caused by the accused driving without due care and attention for other road users.

In a separate case before the same court, Choo King Lung, 44, of Kampung Bahagia Jaya here was fined RM5,000 in default three months' imprisonment for displaying a false vehicle registration number.

He pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 108(3)(e) of the Road Transport Act 1987, which carries a fine of not less than RM5,000 or imprisonment for up to one year, upon conviction.

Choo committed the offence at about 8.15pm on June 5 behind

a shop on Lorong Ulu Sungai Merah here.

Based on the facts of the case, police conducting patrol duties received information regarding a fight behind shophouses at Lorong Ulu Sungai Merah 35B2.

Upon arriving at the scene, police found nine men there, with one of them having sustained injuries to his face and hand. A car was also found damaged.

Further investigation revealed that the vehicle was displaying a false registration number belonging to another vehicle registered under the name of a deceased person.

Choo later admitted that he had used the false registration number to avoid being traced by loan sharks due to his outstanding debts.

He paid the fine.

Deputy public prosecutor Keshava Rao Tharma Raja appeared for the prosecution in both cases, while the two accused were unrepresented.