

Man jailed 10 years, fined RM50,000 for fatal drink-driving in Bintangor

BINTANGOR: The Sarikei Magistrates' Court sentenced a 57-year-old man to 10 years' jail and RM50,000 fine in default 12 months' jail for causing the death of a motorcyclist while driving under the influence of alcohol in May this year.

Judge Stella Augustine Druce, sitting as magistrate, convicted Sumping Judi on his own guilty plea to a charge under Section 44(1)(b) of the Road Transport (Amendment) Act 2020. The

offence was committed at Mile 4 Jalan Lasi here at about 5.10pm on May 5.

According to the facts of the case, the accused was driving a pickup truck from Jalan Lasi towards Jalan KJD when the vehicle went out of control while negotiating a bend. It then entered the opposite lane and collided with a motorcycle, causing the rider to be thrown onto the side of the road.

The rider was rushed to the

Julau polyclinic but succumbed to his injuries at 7.42pm the same day.

A chemical analysis report stated that the accused's blood sample had an alcohol level of 127 milligrammes per 100 millilitres of blood, exceeding the prescribed limit. The victim's blood sample was negative for alcohol.

Prosecuting was deputy public prosecutor Mohammad Azeem Mohd Ridzo.