

Mukah plantation murder suspect remanded for 7 days

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SIBU: The Magistrates' Court in Mukah yesterday remanded a suspect for seven days in connection with the death of a foreign oil palm plantation worker on Dec 15.

Mukah police chief DSP Muhamad Rizal Alias said the case is being investigated under Section 302 of the Penal Code.

He said the suspect, also a foreigner, was picked up at 4.15pm on Tuesday when a team from the Mukah police station was conducting Op Kesan in the oil palm plantation area.

"When confronted by the police team, the suspect attempted to flee and minimal force was used during the arrest," he said in a statement.

He said the suspect's hiding place was about 5km from the scene of the murder at a workers' quarters.

"Seized from the suspect were weapons and clothing worn during the incident," Muhamad Rizal said, adding that urine tests on the suspect were positive for methamphetamine and amphetamine.

In an altercation at the oil palm plantation workers' quarters around 6pm, a 29-year-old foreign man died from severe injuries to



The suspect is escorted by police at the court.

the neck and abdomen, believed to have been inflicted by a sharp object.

Following a report, police

launched a manhunt for the suspect with assistance from the police canine unit and General Operations Force.