



Genesis is escorted by police at the court. — Photo by Mohd Faisal Ahmad

Jalan Stephen Yong shooting: Traffic cop charged with murder



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KUCHING: A Bukit Aman traffic policeman was charged at the Magistrates' Court here yesterday with murder over the fatal shooting of a man at Jalan Stephen Yong last month.

Lance Corporal Genesis Nitchell David Reddy, 30, nodded after the charge was read before Magistrate Syarifah Fatimah Azura Wan Ali, but no plea was taken as murder falls under the jurisdiction of the High Court.

Genesis, who hails from Kampung Semeba, was charged

with murdering Muhammad Zaki Iderus, 34, by fatally shooting him at Jalan Stephen Yong on April 26.

The charge comes under Section 302 of the Penal Code which provides the death penalty or, if not sentenced to death, imprisonment for 30 to 40 years and a minimum of 12 strokes of the cane, upon conviction.

The court fixed June 10 for next mention of the case pending the chemist report.

Genesis was represented by lawyers Russell Lim and Brandon Ting from the National Legal Aid Foundation.

The case came to light on April 26 when two men arrived at the Batu Kawa police station around 5.30am, reporting that

their friend Muhammad Zaki had been shot while inside a car. The victim was found dead with a gunshot wound to the head.

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