

Death: Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd found guilty again

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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SESB) was fined RM40,000 for failing to ensure the safety, health and welfare of a man while he was working in the SESB area that resulted in his death. This was the second time SESB was fined for committing similar offence and the first one involved its own worker. Sessions Court Judge Noor Hafizah Mohd Salim ordered SESB to pay the fine after it's representative pleaded guilty to the charge. The court also fined Papar SESB Manager Jusdi Justin RM20,000 for committing similar offence. SESB and Jusdi had failed to ensure the safety, health and welfare of their non-employer while he was repairing broken wires at Sungai Mondikot in Kg Mondikot, Papar. The charge stated that SESB and Jusdi allowed the victim to work in dangerous conditions without appropriate safety equipment. The offence took place between 11.15am and 2.35pm on July 1, 2020 in Papar. The offence was framed under Section 17(1) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994.

On April 5, SESB was fined RM35,000 for failing to ensure its worker's safety, health and welfare while at work.

Meanwhile, in TAWAU, a 50-year-old man who impersonated a police officer to commit gang robbery was sentenced to five years' jail by the Sessions Court here.

Mohammad Romy Mustamil pleaded guilty before Judge Rosli Ahmad to committing the crime with an accomplice still at large on Aug 21, 2022, at 4.20pm, at Kg Mentaritip, Semporna. Romy, who was 48 years old at the time of the incident, was spared the cane due to his age (now 50). Based on the facts presented by the prosecution, Romy and his accomplice, in a Perodua Axia, posed as police officers by showing a pair of handcuffs to the victim. They took the victim's belongings which included five mobile phones, a leather sling bag containing RM2,500 cash and Yamaha 135 LC motorcycle before leaving the scene. Romy was arrested on Aug 24, 2022 around 12.10pm at a house in Batu 2 1/2 Jalan Bubul Lama and several items were seized. Duty counsel Jhesenny P. Kang, representing Romy, pleaded for a lenient sentence, stating that Romy was remorseful and determined not to engage in criminal activities again. Romy, after being detained in prison for nearly two years, wished to start a new life upon completing his sentence and become a responsible head of the family, supporting his family like others, said the counsel. Deputy Public Prosecutor (DPP) Mohd Syahnidzam Ahmad, however, urged the court to impose a commensurate sentence to teach Romy and society a lesson, considering the trauma experienced by the victim when Romy impersonated a police officer with handcuffs. Romy was charged under Section 395 of the Penal Code, which carries a prison sentence of up to 20 years and whipping, if convicted.