

# Man charged with murder of girlfriend's disabled daughter

**KUCHING:** A man was yesterday charged in the Bau Magistrates' Court with the murder of his girlfriend's disabled six-year-old daughter in Kampung Keranji, Bau last November.

No plea was taken from Then Chiew Yern, 35, who was charged under Section 302 of the Penal Code.

The Section provides for the death penalty upon conviction.

Magistrate Syarifah Fatimah Azura Wan Ali set March 30 for further mention of the case after allowing state

prosecution director Shahrizat Ismail's application as the forensics report has yet to be completed.

She also ordered for Then to be further remanded at Puncak Borneo Prison while awaiting the date.

It is understood that the girl's mother, 34, who was previously arrested to assist with the investigation, is now one of the prosecution's witnesses.

According to the charge, Then allegedly murdered his girlfriend's youngest child at an

unnumbered house in Kampung Keranji, Siniawan, Bau around 7pm on Nov 20, 2022.

Based on previous reports, Bau police chief DSP Poge Nyaon had said Then was arrested at an auto parts store in Kuching around 3pm on Jan 4.

During interrogation, Then reportedly told police he had beaten the deceased and disposed of her body in bushes at Kampung Keranji.

He is said to have led police to where the child's body was dumped.