

Labourer sentenced to 30-year jail, 12 strokes for meth-trafficking

SIBU: A labourer was yesterday sentenced to 30 years in prison and 12 strokes of the cane for trafficking 72.52 grammes of syabu (methamphetamine) three years ago.

High Court Judge Wong Siong Tung handed down the sentence on Jeffry Lepa, 43, and ordered that the prison term to commence from the date of his

arrest on Nov 26, 2022.

Jeffry was earlier charged with trafficking 72.52 grammes of methamphetamine on Nov 26, 2022, at about 3pm at the parking area of Lorong Tun Ahmad Zaidi.

He was charged under Section 39B (1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 and punishable under Section 39B(2) of the same

Act.

Section 39B (2) provides for the death penalty or life imprisonment and, if the death penalty is not imposed, whipping of not less than 15 strokes upon conviction.

In yesterday's proceedings, Jeffry was represented by court-appointed counsel Jacob Wong and Jessie Wong.