



Police escort the accused at the court. The accused is escorted out of the Magistrates' Court after the charge under Section 302 of the Penal Code was read to him.

Man charged with murdering five-year-old nephew

SIBU: A 49-year-old man was charged in the Magistrates' Court here yesterday with murdering his young nephew last month.

However, no plea was recorded from the accused as murder cases fall under the jurisdiction of the High Court.

He was charged before Magistrate Romario Jonoj under Section 302 of the Penal Code, which provides for the death penalty or up to 40 years' imprisonment and no fewer than 12 strokes of the cane, upon conviction.

According to the charge, the accused allegedly murdered the five-year-old boy at a house on Lorong Rantau Panjang Jaya 3G at about 1.30pm on Aug 28.

Earlier, deputy public

prosecutor Mark Kenneth Netto informed the court that the prosecution was still awaiting the post-mortem report, chemist report, and the accused's psychiatric report.

He also applied for the court to fix a mention date and for the accused to be further remanded in custody.

Meanwhile, the accused was also charged under Section 15(1) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 with abusing amphetamine and methamphetamine.

According to the charge, he allegedly tested drug-positive while under detention at the Sibu Central police station at about 8pm on Aug 28.

No plea was recorded from the accused, with the court fixing Oct 22 for case mention.