

Jobless man get 15 years, 8 strokes for using car to run over man, causing loss of leg

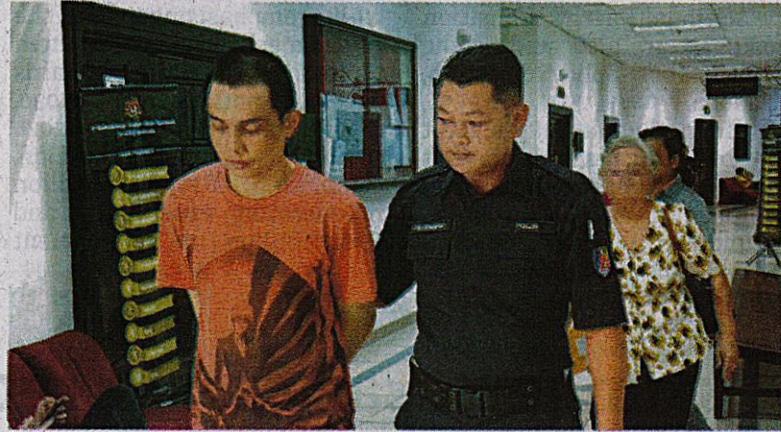
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KUCHING: An unemployed man was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment and eight strokes of the cane by the Sessions Court yesterday after being found guilty of deliberately running over a man with a car, resulting in the victim losing a leg and suffering permanent disability.

Judge Musli Ab Hamid imposed the sentence on Pevenoe Ronald Micheal Ling, 39, under Section 326 of the Penal Code at the conclusion of a full trial.

The judge ruled that the prosecution had successfully proven its case beyond a reasonable doubt, while the defence had failed to raise any reasonable doubt against the prosecution's case.

"Having considered the entirety of the facts, the submissions of both parties, and the serious injuries suffered by the victim, the court sentences the accused to 15 years' imprisonment commencing from the date of his arrest on July 17, 2023, and eight strokes of the



The accused is led away after sentencing.

cane," he said.

The judge, however, rejected an application for compensation to the victim after finding that the accused lacked the financial means to make payment, and did not wish to burden his mother and other family members.

According to the charge, Pevenoe intentionally caused grievous hurt to a 42-year-old man by using a car, an instrument likely to cause death, to run over the latter at about 9pm on July

15, 2023 at the traffic lights near Taman Desa Wira here.

The facts of the case revealed that the victim's friend had asked him to help track down his wife on the night of the incident.

They later found the woman's car parked in front of a lodging house.

At about 8pm, they saw Pevenoe leaving the lodging house and heading towards the woman's vehicle, although she was not seen accompanying him.

The victim's friend then attempted to ask about the woman's whereabouts, but Pevenoe drove away from the scene. The victim and his friend subsequently followed the accused's vehicle to Jalan Batu Kawa near the Desa Wira junction where a collision occurred between the two vehicles.

After both vehicles came to a stop, the victim got out to speak with the accused. However, the accused reversed his car, forcing the victim to flee onto the roadside pavement.

The accused then deliberately drove towards the victim and ran over his right ankle, causing him to fall. He then reversed his vehicle again and rammed the car driven by the victim's friend before fleeing the scene.

Deputy public prosecutor Asmawi Nur Haqim Mokhtar called six witnesses to testify, while the accused, represented by counsel Arthur Liang Dawat, called two defence witnesses.

Sentencing submissions were handled by deputy public prosecutor Chuah Kai Sheng.