

# Court sets July 9 for further mention of Jalan Stephen Yong fatal shooting case

**KUCHING:** The Magistrates' Court here yesterday fixed July 9 for further mention of the fatal shooting case at Jalan Stephen Yong here, against Bukit Aman traffic police officer Lance-Cpl Genesis Nitchell David Reddy.

Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan issued the order to allow the prosecution time to obtain the chemistry report and other forensic reports, which had yet to be completed.

Prosecuting officer Insp Nur Shafiq Nyaie Ilin informed the court that the investigation officer had advised that the ballistic and post-mortem reports are expected to take approximately two months to finalise.

However, counsel Russell Lim from the National Legal Aid Foundation, who is representing the 30-year-old accused, requested an earlier mention date to enable the prosecution to update the court on the case's progress.

Lim further submitted that the case was of public interest and considered high-profile.

Genesis is also represented by foundation lawyers Brendan Ting and Zoe Chan.

The court also ordered for Genesis to be further remanded at Puncak Borneo Prison.

According to the charge,



Genesis (centre) being escorted from the Royal Malaysia Police prosecution office at the Kuching Court Complex. — Photo by Hafizah Abdul Hamid

Genesis allegedly murdered Muhammad Zaki Iderus, 34, by shooting at him on Jalan Stephen Yong.

The charge is framed under Section 302 of the Penal Code for murder.

The Section provides for the death penalty, or if not sentenced to death, imprisonment for a term of between 30 and 40 years, along with no fewer than

12 strokes of the cane, upon conviction.

Earlier reports stated that on April 26, two men arrived at the Batu Kawa police station at around 5.30am and informed the authorities that their friend had been shot while travelling on Jalan Stephen Yong.

Police later found the victim had died from a gunshot wound to the head.