Man involved in crash jailed, fined for driving under influence of meth

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SIBU: A man was sentenced to one day in jail and fined RM5,000 in default one-month imprisonment after pleading guilty at the Magistrates' Court here yesterday to driving while under the influence of methamphetamine.

Magistrate Romario Jonoi also disqualified Voon Ei Lim, 39, from Jalan Gambir here from holding or obtaining a driving licence for two years.

Voon, who paid the fine, was charged under Section 45(1) of the Road Transport Act 1987 for operating a vehicle while under the influence of dangerous drugs, to the extent that he was incapable of exercising proper control of the vehicle.

He committed the offence at about 5.23pm on July 26 this year while driving a lorry from Mukah towards Sibu.

According to the facts of the case, upon reaching Mile 15 of Jalan Sibu-Bintulu, the lorry collided into the rear of a car which had allegedly made a sudden exit from a junction.

The impact caused the car to plunge into a roadside ditch, while another car crashed into the rear of the lorry.

Voon was subsequently taken to the police station for further investigation before being escorted to Sibu Hospital for blood sample collection.

His blood sample was then sent to the Department of Chemistry Sibu branch for analysis, which later confirmed the presence of methamphetamine.

Deputy public prosecutor Mohd Syazani Izzaddin Abdul Muadzam prosecuted the case, while Voon was unrepresented.