

Negligent lorry driver fined RM3,000 over collision

SIBU: A lorry driver was fined RM3,000 in default three months' jail for causing an accident by parking in an undesignated area and failing to warn other road users that his vehicle had broken down.

Singa Jok, 57, from Jalan Wawasan here pleaded guilty after the charge under Section 48(1) of the Road Transport Act 1987, was read to him before Magistrate Romario Jono.

He paid the fine.

The offence was committed on Jalan Salim here at about 2.30am on Sept 20, 2006.

Based on the facts of the case, the accused parked the lorry trailer along the road after experiencing a problem with the oil hose on the prime mover.

Shortly afterwards, a vehicle travelling from behind collided into the rear right-hand side of the lorry trailer.

Police investigations found that the vehicle had been parked in an undesignated area on the road, causing an obstruction and endangering other road users.

Singa had also failed to place safety warning devices such as cones or warning triangles within the required distance to alert other road users of the vehicle's presence.

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