

# New Year's Day shooting accused claims trial to attempted murder

**SIBU:** A 25-year-old man claimed trial in the Sessions Court here yesterday to a charge of attempted murder during a shooting at Jalan Wong King Huo on Jan 1 this year.

Judge Marutin Pagan ordered for Billy Harris Wee Abdullah to appear in court again on Sept 3 for pre-trial case management.

Billy, who was represented by counsels Ranbir Singh and Alexander Ling, was charged under Section 307 of the Penal Code read together with Section 109 of the same Code.

The Section provides for a maximum 10 years in prison and a possible fine; and if hurt is caused to any person by such act, the offender can face up to 20 years in jail.

Deputy Public Prosecutor David Bakit Nuing offered bail



Billy is escorted from the courtroom after proceedings.

of RM15,000 (deposited) with two local sureties with a minimum income of RM3,000 per month, and for Billy to report to the nearest police station once a month.

However, Ranbir requested bail of RM5,000 with two local sureties with an income of RM1,500 per month.

He argued that the bail must be affordable because Billy is an

air-conditioning technician and is married with a newborn child to support.

"He has been detained since the evening of July 3, 2024 until today. He does not know whether he has a job to go back to," Ranbir said.

The judge allowed Billy to be released on RM7,000 bail with two local sureties who have permanent addresses in Sibü.

On July 17, the other four men arrested with Billy were released on bail (undeposited) and one local surety each after they became prosecution witnesses.

The four were represented by counsels Boston Ho and Daniel Ling.

Billy and three of the men were arrested here on July 3, while the fifth man was arrested on July 4 in Johor.