

Motorist jailed six months, fined for causing death of motorcyclist

SIBU: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday sentenced a man to six-month jail and fined him RM6,000, in default six-month imprisonment for driving without due care and attention, resulting in the death of a motorcyclist.

Magistrate Oon Kork Chern imposed the sentence on Hii Teck Lung, 25, after he pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 43(1) of the Road Transport Act 1987.

Based on the brief facts of the case, on June 6 this year at about 11.15pm, Hii was driving a car from Sibu town towards Jalan Salim when the vehicle went out of control near Jalan Kenari.

The car veered into the opposite lane and collided with an oncoming motorcycle ridden by Zuhairi Ismail.

Zuhairi, 20, sustained serious injuries and was taken to Sibu Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 12.24am the next day.

Investigations found that Hii had failed to exercise due care and attention, resulting in the vehicle entering the path of the oncoming motorcycle.

In imposing the sentence, the Magistrate took into account the prevalence of similar offences in Sibu, the need for deterrence, Hii being a first-time offender, his guilty plea, and restitution to the deceased's family.

Hii, through his counsel Daren Ling, indicated that he would file an appeal and was granted a stay of execution.

He was released on RM10,000 bail with two sureties, and is ordered to report to a police station once a month.

The prosecution was conducted by Insp Ting Yew Kang.