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KUALA LUMPUR: A 20-year-old car wash worker is facing the gallows after he was arrested during a drug operation on Sunday.

Kuala Lumpur Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department (NCID) chief ACP Adnan Azizon said police seized a total of 9.06kg of heroin valued at RM225,000 from the suspect.

"He was caught at about 1.30am behind a mall at the city centre after police observed his movements for 45 minutes following a tip-off.

"Once we picked him up, police checked his car and found 20 translucent plastic bags containing heroin," he told a media conference at KL police contingent headquarters here yesterday.

Adnan said police are in the

midst of checking with the Road Transport Department to ascertain the owner of the vehicle where the drugs were found.

The suspect has been remanded until Friday under Section 117 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

On a separate case, Adnan said police arrested a married couple and seized 2,950 ecstasy pills from them at a condominium unit in Taman Maluri, Cheras here on Aug 11.

Adnan said a police team from the Cheras NCID arrested the couple, aged 46 and 28, at their home where the pills were found.

"The combined weight of the drugs was 856g with a street value of RM17,826," he said, adding that it was meant for the local market.