



Drug trafficker escapes from police custody

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KUALA LUMPUR (Aug 13, 2013): A 25-year-old Nigerian escaped from the Jinjang police lock-up on Monday with the possible help of a police corporal, 11 days after being arrested for trafficking in drugs worth almost RM9 million.

Federal narcotics crime investigations department (NCID) director Commissioner Datuk Noor Rashid Ibrahim said the 50-year-old policeman has been detained.

The suspect is believed to have made his escape at about 11.45am.

Sources said that a close-circuit camera recording retrieved from the lock-up showed the suspect escaping as he was being led out by the police corporal.

Noor Rashid said police had launched a hunt for the suspect and hoped to re-arrest him soon.

"We view this very seriously and if it is found that the corporal had a hand in helping him escape, we will recommend severe action to be taken against him," he said.

In a press conference on Aug 2, Noor Rashid had said that the foreigner who was a student of a language school here was nabbed the previous day together with a 55-year-old Malaysian businessman.

Police found a sealed box containing close to 9kgs of methamphetamines which were packed in 17 plastic bags in their possession.

Five luxury cars used by the syndicate were also seized.

In subsequent raids, police also arrested two women aged 31 and 33 at their homes in Brickfields and Damansara Kim.

Police said the women were managers of separate companies and had allegedly assisted the syndicate in the distribution of the drugs locally and abroad.

A small amount of syabu was also found on the older woman. The syndicate is believed to have been active since early this year.

This latest incident puts a dent in the image of the police force as just days ago the top brass of Bukit Aman had pledged to step up action against drug lords.