

Heroin found in abandoned, bullet-riddled car in Bayan Baru

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GEORGE TOWN, Aug 31 — The police stumbled on two packages of heroin found in a bullet-riddled car which was abandoned in Lebuhraya Mahsuri, Bayan Baru here today.

The drug was found hidden under the driver's seat of the Proton Persona about 8.50am.

The vehicle, whose rear tyres were punctured, was damaged and had scratches and dents.

Earlier, a passer-by telephoned the police to complain that the car was obstructing traffic and there was something suspicious about the vehicle.

Barat Daya police chief Supt Mohd Hatta Mohd Zain said initial investigations indicated there were at least, three bullet holes in the rear of the car while another was found in front of its windscreen.

"Nevertheless, there was no trace of bloodstain inside the vehicle which belonged to a person residing at an address in Jalan Van Praagh here.

"We are investigating the case under the Firearms Act 1960 and the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 to facilitate investigations.

"The person, who does not have criminal record, is believed to have fled from the home to avoid detection," he told reporters here today.

Mohd Hatta believed that there might have been a high-speed chase involving the driver of the said car and occupants from another vehicle at another location. Subsequently, gunshots were fired at the Proton Persona, forcing it to a halt in Bayan Baru, he said.— Bernama