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PETALING JAYA — Police foiled a drug run and nabbed a suspected trafficker following a 10km car chase in heavy traffic along the Middle Ring Road II yesterday afternoon.

The suspect's accomplice however managed to give police the slip and fled on foot when the chase came to a screeching halt near Taman Layang Layang.

Police seized an undisclosed amount of drugs, believed to be syabu and ganja, in the black Proton Perdana used by the duo.

The drama unfolded just before 2.30pm when police spotted the car at Km4.8 Jalan Ipoh and flagged it down for a routine inspection.

The car sped off with police in hot pursuit with sirens wailing and beacon lights flashing.

From Jalan Ipoh, the chase continued into MRR2 during which the duo's car crashed into several other vehicles in their attempt to escape.

Other patrol cars joined in the chase. Police were forced to open fire when the car continued to collide into other vehicles and became a danger to motorists.

The car came to a screeching halt when the tyres were blown out.

Sentul police chief Assistant Commissioner R. Munusamy said the 30-year-old suspect in custody was from Pahang and worked as a general worker for a semi-government company. He was unhurt, despite the numerous collisions during



Crime scene investigators examine the drugs seized. — Picture by Hari Anggara

the chase.

Initial checks revealed the suspect did not have any previous criminal record.

"At the height of the pursuit, additional patrol cars were summoned as the duo failed to heed police orders to pull over on the road shoulder. The chase lasted

almost 20 minutes," Munusamy said.

Police are looking for the suspect's accomplice and hope to pick him up soon.

City police chief Datuk Amar Singh arrived at the scene shortly after and was briefed by his officers.

Police are investigating the case under

Sections 353 of the Penal Code for criminal intimidation, and 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act for drug trafficking.

Traffic along the usually busy MRR2 was reduced to almost a crawl on both sides of the highway as motorists tried to get a glimpse of what was happening.