

## **RM400,000 drugs haul at Batu Feringghi**

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**GEORGE TOWN:** Police seized 2,553g of syabu worth RM400,000, and arrested a Nigerian man in a raid at Batu Feringghi last Friday.

State deputy police chief Deputy Commissioner Datuk A. Thaveegan said in the 3.15pm incident, police raided a condominium unit and found the drugs hidden inside a box of decoration items.

"We believe the drugs were obtained from China and brought to Penang through Kuala Lumpur for local distribution", he told a press conference at the state police contingent headquarters.

He said the 32-year-old man is in the country on a student visa and is believed to be living alone in the apartment unit since the beginning of the year.

"We believe the suspect is not a student and he has no prior criminal record", he added.

The suspect, who tested negative for drugs, has been remanded until Friday to facilitate investigations.

He will be investigated under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drug Act for trafficking.

Meanwhile, police obtained a five-day extension on the remand order against a 53-year-old Penang Island Municipal Council (MPPP) staff who was detained last week for raping a 16-year-old girl.

According to northeast district police chief ACP Mior Faridaltrash Wahid, the suspect was a close acquaintance of the victim's father.

Mior said the father of the victim lodged a police report at the Lebu Pantai police station after finding out that his daughter was seven months pregnant when she was brought for a medical check-up at a clinic in Jalan Macalister.

"It is believed that the girl was raped at a hotel in the northeast district," said Mior.

He added the suspect had no previous criminal record.