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Teen, four others held over sale of firearms



Amar, flanked by Sentul police chief ACP R. Munusamy (right) and acting City Narcotics Crime Investigation Department chief Supt Mohd Faisal Yahya, shows the firearms recovered in the two cases. — Picture by Azinuddin Ghazali

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KUALA LUMPUR — A group of suspected illegal firearm dealers, including a 17-year-old, were arrested after they were exposed by a robber who had bought a gun from them.

Police seized two revolvers — one from the buyer and the other from the suspects.

City police chief Datuk Amar Singh said police became aware of the firearm dealers following the arrest of a 28-year-old suspect who robbed a house in Sentul on Saturday morning.

"The suspect used a gun he had bought from the dealers to commit the robbery and escaped with electronic appliances in a vehicle," he said.

Following investigations, the suspect was arrested in Sentul two days later and

led police to his house in Taman Kepong Indah where they recovered a Colt .38 Special CTG revolver.

Police also found stolen goods and 12 Eramin 5 pills.

"We also detained the suspect's father, aged 55, to facilitate investigations," Amar said.

The suspect told police he bought the gun from a syndicate.

"Based on the information, we raided a house in Rawang on Tuesday where the suspected firearm dealers lived. Two male and three female suspects, aged 17 to 30, were arrested," he said.

Police recovered a WG .38 revolver and 52 live bullets.

"Investigations are ongoing to determine how they obtained the firearms and who they had been supplying the weapons to," he said.

In another operation, police crippled a drug syndicate supplying ganja to

drug peddlers, with the arrest of three suspects.

Amar said police arrested a 27-year-old man at a condominium car park in Taman Dutamas on Tuesday morning.

Police seized various types of drugs including syabu, Ecstasy pills and a packet of ganja from the suspect.

The suspect then led police to an adjacent unit where two more men, aged 26 and 41, were arrested.

Police found 14 slabs and 17 packets of ganja, two packets of heroin, a drum of clear liquid believed to be drugs, a Glock pistol with 10 live bullets, a revolver holster and a package containing 36 live bullets.

"The estimated value of the drugs and firearm is RM44,000," he said.

Two of the men tested positive for drugs and had drug convictions.

All the suspects in both cases have been placed under police remand.