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Three nabbed over car thefts

SERDANG: A syndicate specialising in stealing Proton Waja models was crippled by police with the arrest of three suspects including a disabled man.

The mastermind – high on the police wanted list – and an accomplice were detained following a high-speed chase along Jalan Kolej at about 2.30am on Monday.

The other suspect, who needed the aid of a walking stick, was picked up later the same day. Three Proton Waja were recovered from the suspects, two of whom had previous criminal records for various offences.

OCPD Supt Abdul Razak Elias said police got their break when a crime prevention team led by C/Insp Chai Chee Boon spotted the suspects in a car, reported stolen in Kajang earlier in the morning.

"The suspects fled upon being flagged down but in their haste to escape, the driver lost control and crashed into a road divider.

"Police who were trailing behind detained both suspects after a brief struggle," he told a press conference at the Seri Kembangan police station near here yesterday.

Supt Abdul Razak said the suspects led police where two more Proton Waja models – reported missing in Cheras Mahkota and Kajang – were recovered.

He said initial investigations revealed that the disabled man acted as a lookout while the two were stealing cars in Serdang, Kajang and Seri Kembangan since early this year.

"All three were hooked on drugs and disposed of the stolen cars to ready buyers for a mere RM500 to nurse their addiction," he said, adding that all three suspects had been remanded for a week to assist in investigations