

Two men detained in Batu Pahat with pistol and drugs

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JOHOR BARU: Two suspects aged 37 and 43 were detained by police after finding a Beretta pistol and six live bullets when they were in a shoe shop near Jalan Rahmat in Batu Pahat yesterday.

Batu Pahat police chief, ACP Din Ahmad said, the duo with 10 and four previous criminal records respectively, were acting suspiciously in a Proton Wira car when police were patrolling around a hotel car park.

He said the suspects sped off after police ordered them to stop which resulted in a high speed chase before the suspects stopped their car and fled into a shoe store.

With back up from a nearby patrol team police later closed in to detain the suspects at the shoe store, he added.

He said in the midst of confusion, the suspects hid a pistol believed to be theirs, in a shoe box. "However, the pistol was discovered after a thorough search of the store.

Police also found six live bullets and a little notebook," he said when contacted by *Bernama*, here today.

Following the incident, police took the suspects to a hotel room where they had been staying and found several other items including syabu weighing 51.7g and four machetes.

"The car is also believed to be stolen," he added.

Further checks revealed the duo had been actively involved in criminal intimidation, burglary, motorcycle theft and drug trafficking around the Klang Valley and Johor Baru.

"They would be remanded for seven days until March 23 to facilitate investigations," he said. — *Bernama*