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> Woman who caused accident by going against traffic flow is a slow learner

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**BUTTERWORTH:** A young woman who drove against traffic flow and claimed the life of a newly-wed man in an accident on Tuesday morning is a Card for Person with Disabilities (OKU) holder issued by the Welfare Department.

A State Welfare Department officer whom *theSun* spoke to confirmed the 19-year-old was issued the card in 2011 after being diagnosed as a slow learner.

"Doctors had recommended she undergo a special education programme when she was in Form One," the officer said but declined to elaborate further.

The picture of the OKU card has since gone viral on various social media platforms, her Facebook page has also been flooded with criticisms over the accident.

Central Seberang Prai district police chief ACP Nik Ros Azhan Nik Abdul Hamid said the woman tested positive for amphetamine but not methamphetamine as reported.



Asked if the suspect was taking medicine containing amphetamine, he said up to this moment, she did not say she was under medication.

"She will be charged under Section 15(t) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 in the Bukit Mertajam magistrate's court tomorrow.

"We have submitted the accident investigation report to the DPP.

"We are now waiting for the DPP to study the case and make a decision," he said.

Penang Road Transport Department director Noorul Habib Abdul Guduse said netizens should not speculate on how a slow learner was able to obtain a driving licence.

Noorul Habib said a slow learner

can show a document issued by doctors saying the individual needs to take the driving licence test on paper rather than a computerised one.

"There are many slow learners who have obtained driving licences, even illiterate people have passed and obtained their driving licences.

"However, they do not cause any problems or accidents on the road," he said.

A check by *theSun* at the woman's house in Taman Desa Murni showed the premises to be closed while neighbours refused to comment on the matter.

In the 7.50am incident, the woman had suddenly made a U-turn at KM128 of the North South Expressway (NSE) when she claimed she saw a stalled lorry in front of her but CCTV footage showed no such lorry.

The U-turn resulted in her going against traffic flow and she grazed against three vehicles but continued driving. The drivers of the three vehicles suffered light injuries.

She continued to drive for some 5km against traffic before crashing into a car driven by Mohamad Fandi Rosli, killing him on the spot.