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Police nab three, seize two posh cars after 200kph chase

KLANG, Mon. - In what could have been a scene straight out of a James Bond movie, several police patrol cars pursued two men in a stolen Chimaera sports car in a high-speed chase along the expressway from Klang to Port Dickson.

Driving along the expressway at speeds in excess of 200kph, the two managed to evade arrest despite police reinforcements from Seremban joining in the chase.

The Chimaera, the first hand-made Malaysian sports car, comes with a four-litre engine which sells for RM238,000, and another version sporting a five-litre engine with a price tag of RM266,000.

Their high-speed escapade only came to an end when they were finally cornered at a trunk road near Kampung Baru Sri Rusa, Port Dickson, with the help of the local police.

Klang deputy police chief Superintendent Azmi Hashim said after questioning the two suspects, aged 19 and 30, police detained another 22-year-old suspect at a house in Section 8, Shah Alam, at 3.45am today and recovered a second Chimaera sports car.

A fourth suspect, aged 21, was picked up by police in front of a 7-Eleven outlet at Persiaran Sultan Ibrahim at 5am today.

It is believed the cars were stolen following a break-in at an assembly plant late last year.

Azmi said the management of TVR Sports (M) Sdn Bhd, the company which assembles the cars, had lodged a police report on Dec 14 last year about two Chimaeras stolen from its assembly plant in Bandar Sultan Sulaiman, Port Klang.

Relating the arrests at a Press conference, Azmi said at 2.30pm yesterday Klang police received information about one of the stolen sports car, a grey Chimaera, being spotted cruising along the Elite highway towards Sepang.

He said the car, with two men inside, was easily spotted because of its colour. It was the last Chimaera car manufactured in that particular colour.

Police despatched a patrol car to tail the vehicle. However, the patrol car crew in a Proton Wira lost sight of it after it entered the North-South expressway towards Seremban.

Seremban police, who were informed by the pursuing patrol car crew, also failed to intercept the sports car which was travelling at a speed exceeding 200kph.

Azmi added that the sports car driver and his accomplice were finally cornered in Port Dickson and arrested.

The cars were being prepared for export to Australia when they were reported stolen.

The 340-horsepower sports car is capable of accelerating from 0 to 100kph in under five seconds.

It was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on April 26, 1998.

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