

JPJ officers charged with graft

Duo claim trial to offence

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KLANG: Two senior assistant enforcement officers of the Road Transport Department (JPJ) have been charged with accepting RM5,200 from a driving school official to pass candidates sitting for commercial driving tests.

Mohd Ieruan Daud, 32, and Che Rozita Mohammad, 40, claimed trial to the charge at the Sessions Court here.

Both from the Padang Jawa JPJ office kept their heads bowed as the charge was read out.

The duo were alleged to have taken the money from Institute Memandu Asia Sdn Bhd assistant manager Chew Ho Kok, 30, on March 18 last year at Jalan Lama Sungai Limau, Sungai Besar in Sabak Bernam.

Supt Mohd Annuar Ismail from the Selangor Anti-Corruption Agency, who co-ordinated the investigations, told the court that the offence was serious

He proposed bail of RM10,000 each in one surety but defence counsel Mohd Haniff Khatri Abdullah, representing Che Rozita, and Amir Asree Meor Nordin, for Mohd Ieruan, appealed for a lesser bail.

Mohd Haniff said Che Rozita was a single mother with a child to support while Mohd Ieruan was married with two children.

He contended that there was no strong basis for the case as it had taken 18 months for it to be brought to court.

Sessions judge Zunaidah Mohd Idris allowed bail of RM8,000 in one surety and fixed trial for March 13 to 16 next year. If convicted, they face a jail term of not less than 14 days and not more than 20 years, or a fine not less than RM10,000 or five times the sum of gratification, whichever is higher.