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PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

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HERMANTO

On 1st September 2022, Hermanto pleaded guilty to four charges under section 304A(1) of the Penal Code, Chapter 22 for the offence of rash driving causing death, section 31 of the Road Traffic Act, Chapter 68 for the offence of failure to render assistance to injured person, section 33(1) of the Road Traffic Act, Chapter 68 for the offence of failure to stop after an accident and section 33(2) of the Road Traffic Act, Chapter 68 for the offence of failure to report accident to police officer within 24 hours. This case was heard before the Honourable Senior Magistrate Hajah Ervy Sufitriana binti Haji Abdul Rahman.

The Prosecution revealed that on 24th July 2022 at 0600 hours, the defendant was driving at a high speed along Jalan Tengah, Seria. At the time, it was raining and dark and the defendant was driving without keeping a proper lookout. The defendant then collided into the deceased, who was walking in the same direction as the defendant on the side of the road. The defendant's vehicle collided into the deceased causing the deceased to land into a drainage nearby. The defendant continued to drive away without stopping and rendering any assistance to the deceased.

The following day, the defendant told his employer that he was involved in an accident elsewhere as an explanation to the damages to the car. The deceased's body was located by a family member two days later. Police investigations led to the arrest of the defendant.

In sentencing the defendant, the Honourable Senior Magistrate highlighted that the defendant blatantly disregards the deceased's well-being and showed no remorse for his actions. The Court sentenced the defendant to a total of 16 months' imprisonment for the four charges. The Court commends police efforts in investigating this case and able to locate the defendant.

The case was prosecuted by Prosecuting Officer Nur Hidayatul Aeny Alisah binti Haji Zullizam and the defendant is unrepresented.

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