

Five Klang robbers caught in hotel raid

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KLANG: Five people, including a Thai woman, have been arrested in connection with a series of robberies and house break-ins in the Klang district in the past five months.

Police picked up the five in a hotel room here in a raid at 3pm on Wednesday.

They were believed to be involved in at least 19 robberies and break-ins since December last year involving around RM100,000.

Klang district police chief ACP Mohamad Mat Yusop said the arrest came soon after a robbery in Bukit Kuda two days earlier.

In the incident, three men, armed with a screwdriver and an iron rod, broke into the three-storey house through the front door while their accomplice waited in a Proton Wira outside the house.

They escaped with 10 watches, five branded handbags and an LCD monitor, he said, adding that the Indonesian maid, who was alone in the house, was unhurt.

Police found the car parked behind the hotel, about one kilometre away from the crime scene, two days later.

"All the suspects were in the hotel room when police arrived.

"We discovered handphones, liquor, watches, laptops and a passport, as well as condoms," he said adding that police seized a Proton Wira and a Proton Waja.

ACP Mohamad said the suspects, aged between 28 and 34, failed in their urine test and were being remanded by the Narcotics Department for suspected drug abuse.

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"Based on the *modus operandi* and the descriptions from victims, we believe we have solved at least 19 cases with the arrests," he said.

In another case, ACP Mohamad said a 23-year-old man was arrested in Klang Utama for alleged involvement in at least 13 roadside robberies.

The man was stopped by police about 4pm on Thursday and was found to be carrying a two-foot long sword, he said.

The man tested positive for drugs after a urine test, ACP Mohamad added.