

Two held over alleged rape, abuse of maid

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GEORGE TOWN: A 41-year-old contractor and his 36-year-old wife have been detained by the police for abusing their Indonesian maid at their low-cost flats in Jelutong.

Northeast district police chief Assistant Commissioner Gan Kong Meng, who confirmed the arrests, said police raided the unit on the third floor and seized an iron, a waist belt as well as bed sheet and a comforter, believed to have been used to abuse Win Faidah, 26.

"We managed to locate the whereabouts of the couple with limited help from the maid.

"It took us almost a week to find the couple as the maid had problems remembering where her employers' house was," Gan said at a press conference yesterday.

He said police also confiscated the Toyota Camry used to drop off Win in Nibong Tebal.

Gan said police believed they had solved the case with the arrest of the duo.

Both have been remanded for four days until Tuesday to assist in police investigations. They are expected to be charged with causing grievous hurt and rape.

The maid, who was seriously injured, was found loitering by the roadside in Nibong Tebal last Sunday, with blood dripping from her wounds.

Her breasts were scalded by a hot iron and her entire back was splashed with boiling water. Her head was clobbered with a hard object and her limbs whipped with a waist belt.

To make matters worse, she was also turned into a sex slave.



Assistant Commissioner Gan Kong Meng with images of Win Faidah, who was allegedly abused by her employers at their low-cost flats in Jelutong. — Pictures by Rudy Syareme Sheriffudin

Win, from Java Timur, claimed she was repeatedly raped by her male employer, with his wife allegedly watching them having sex.

It is learnt that the wife would beat her up if she refused to have sex with her husband.

Win claimed the couple had abused her since May. She came to Malaysia to work at the end of last year.

Her nightmare ended when the couple took her for a 80km terror ride in their Toyota Camry to Nibong Tebal before abandoning her there.

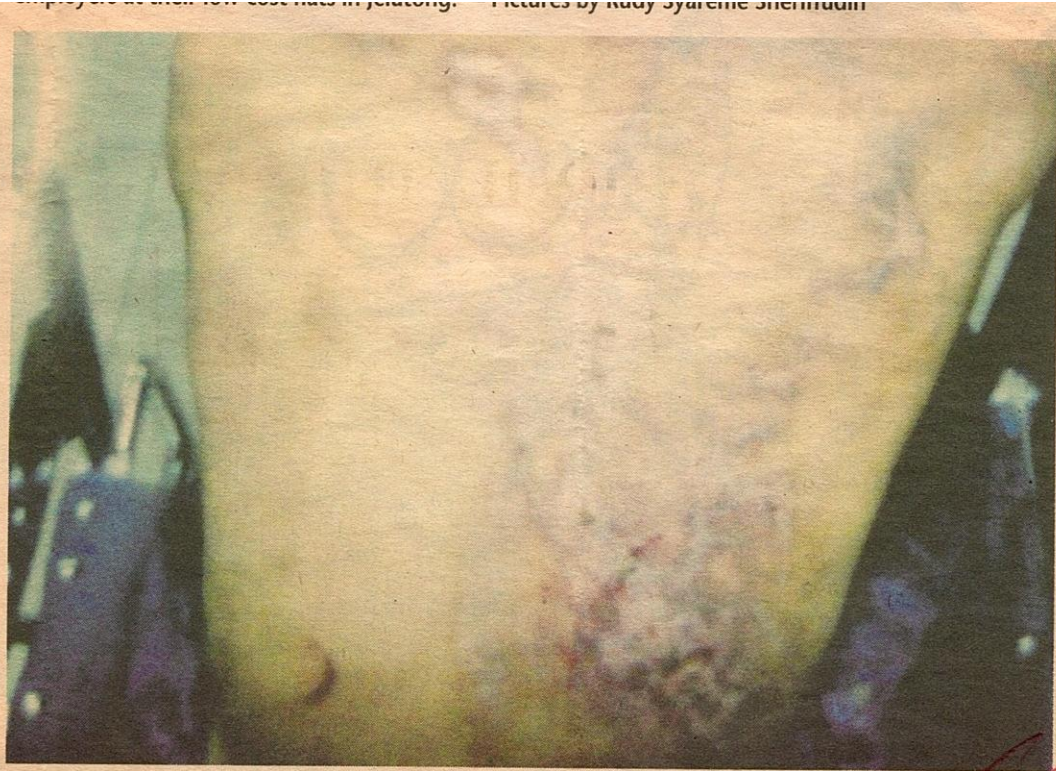
She was rescued by a good samaritan at a housing estate. He took her to a nearby police station to lodge a report.

She had RM30 in an envelope, believed to have been given by the couple for her services.

Win received medical treatment at Penang Hospital and is reported to be in a stable condition.

At the hospital yesterday, Win pleaded with reporters to give her some privacy.

"I do not want to say much at this point in time. Please contact my agent and let me rest," she said, adding that she needed time to recover physically and mentally.



Deep scars are seen on Win Faidah's back, allegedly caused by hot water.