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# Robbery gang crippled

By M. Jeffri Razali

**PETALING JAYA, Fri.** — The police have arrested seven suspects believed to have robbed 15 construction site offices and stores of goods, valuables and cash totalling about \$2 million in the Klang Valley.

Following the arrest of the suspects, police recovered a large quantity of stolen goods worth about \$350,000.

Petaling Jaya OCPD Assistant Commissioner Kamaruddin Hamzah said a 15-member police party arrested the first suspect, a 30-year-old van driver, at the 20th kilometre Jalan Klang, Puchong, on Aug 25. He said after interrogating the first suspect, the police arrested three unemployed men aged between 32 and 46 near Puchong on Sept 2.

The three suspects led police to a double-storey terrace house in Bandar Baru Sri Petaling where stolen goods were recovered. The items recovered included 54 water-pump generators, three electronic typewriters, two refrigerators, two photostating machines, two theodolites, one air-conditioner, one computer and an assortment of electrical appliances.

The police picked up a second-hand goods dealer and two computer dealers, aged between 34 and 41, from the house.

Kamaruddin said investigations led to the recovery of more goods, including 60 cans of paints, nine calculators, eight air-conditioners, three computers, one electronic typewriter and a facsimile machine.

He said the suspects could help the police solve at least eight robberies at construction site offices and hardware stores.

"We hope to recover more stolen goods," he added.

Kamaruddin advised buyers of air-conditioners, facsimile machines and computers to check with the police if they were offered below market prices.

He warned that action could be taken against them for having stolen goods.

The police are anxious to contact three men whom they believe can help in the investigation.

They are Gaju a/l Rajagopalan, 28; Ng Hoi Keong @ Ah Keong @ Pendek, 23, and Ho Sze Mun @ Hailam, 23, all from 10th kilometre, Jalan Puchong.

Those who know their whereabouts should contact Insp Chang Chee Fong at 03-756 2222 ext 244.



Police sorting out some of the stolen goods recovered from a house in Bandar Baru Sri Petaling.



RECOVERED LOOT ... Insp Chang and his men with the loot they recovered after the raid.

## Cops cripple gang looting warehouses

By LOURDES CHARLES

**PETALING JAYA:** A gang specialising in robbing warehouses and construction site offices was smashed by police with the arrest of seven men, including the mastermind.

Police recovered goods worth more than \$350,000 out of about \$2 million in loot the gang had made off with.

Among the goods recovered were 54 generator pumps, two refrigerator machines, a washing machine, 16 air conditioners, three electric typewriters, a computer complete with printers, two Theodolites, 60 tins of paint, a fax machine, calculators and several other electrical items.

The goods were recovered in Bandar Baru, Sri Petaling, Cheras and Salak South.

OCPD Asst Comm Kamaruddin Hamzah said the gang was believed to have robbed their victims in Ampang, Kajang, Shah Alam, Rawang and here.

He told a press conference yesterday that months of painstaking stake-outs had paid off for the police and they now hoped to solve at least 15 robbery cases.

"The gang had been very active in the Klang valley over the past two years and was wanted in several districts.

"Their *modus operandi* is by tying up the security guards and cutting the locks at the main entrance of the warehouse and site offices before entering," he said.

Police got their lead with the arrest of a 30-year-old suspect at the 20th mile Jalan Puchong on Aug 25.

Several special round police personnel from the Crime Prevention Division spotted the suspect at a stall and caught him.

The suspect led police to the arrest of another three men aged between 32 and 46.

Insp Chang Chee Fong, the Crime Prevention Division chief, then led another party to Bandar Baru Sri Petaling where

they raided a store on Wednesday and recovered the generators, air conditioners and other goods.

"They also arrested another three men including a secondhand dealer and two computer dealers," said ACP Kamaruddin.

He said the police also hoped to make more recoveries and arrests as another three suspects were at large.

He said police were also looking for three men to assist them in their investigation. They are:

Gaju s/o Raja Gopalan, 25, IC A0038804, last known address 12-A, Bt 6 1/2 Puchong; Ng Hoi Keong @ Ah Keong @ Pendek, 23, IC A0897310, C-2 Bt 6 1/2, Puchong; and Ho Sze Mun @ Hailam, 23, IC A0785446, No 1, Bt 6 1/2, Jalan Puchong.

Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of the three or who want to verify the goods they bought can contact DSP Syed Nadzari Syed Wazir or Insp Chang Chee Fong at 756-2222.