

Three foreigners held in computer theft inquiries

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KOTA KINABALU: Police have detained three foreigners believed to be responsible for computer thefts here.

A local man was also picked up for buying a stolen laptop for RM700 from one of the suspects and he is being remanded to facilitate further investigation.

Police are now looking for another two local men who each bought a laptop for RM300 and RM200 respectively from the same suspect in question.

Speaking to reporters yesterday, City Police Chief ACP Ku Chin Wah (pictured) said the three Filipinos and local man were detained in separate anti crime operations last week.

He said the first suspect, a 31-year-old Filipino man from Kampung Pondo in Pulau Gaya was detained on October 29 and police are looking for his two accomplices still at large.

"We have identified the suspect's two accomplices and hope to arrest



them soon," Ku said.

According to him, these three suspects were involved in a spate of computer thefts reported in the city and that they believed some of the stolen computers were sold to Kampung Pondo

villagers.

Ku said the second suspect, 38, was picked up in the Damai areas and he was believed to be responsible for computer thefts in Damai Plaza three months ago.

Initial investigation showed the suspect sold a computer to a 31-year-old Chinese man for RM700.

The third suspect, 33, linked to thefts at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and King Fisher Park was detained on November 4.

"He sold a laptop to a man near the Milimewa supermarket in Inanam for RM300 and another to a local Brunei man.

"We will find out who the local buyers are from the suspects and take appropriate action," Ku said.

He warned that police would not compromise with anyone found in possession of stolen goods.

"We regret that some people are still buying stolen goods despite repeated warnings," he quipped.