



ABX Express employee Oh Fev Ching showing where the snatch incident happened.

Snatch theft victim fractures bone

ABX employee falls as two riders make off with laptop

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KOTA KINABALU: An ABX Express employee suffered a fractured collar bone and head injury when she fell to the ground as one of two thieves on a motorcycle snatched her Fujitsu laptop worth RM 6,400, including confidential business plans and data saved in the laptop.

It was learned that the victim was walking towards her car at one end of Gaya Street around 6.05pm on Monday when the snatchers struck.

The victim, who has worked in the business development and strategy planning department for six years, was with a female colleague when the thieves came from behind, with the pillion rider trying to snatch both her laptop and handbag.

However, he only managed to grab her laptop as her handbag was quite

heavy.

As the thief was pulling the straps of the laptop bag and handbag, she fell to the ground and hurt her head and shoulder.

"My collar bone was fractured and my head is swollen; I cannot turn my neck and I cannot move my righthand," she said, adding that her collar bone injury would take three to six weeks to heal.

At that time, there were a few labourers outside the office, working on the pathway, and two or three cars were nearby. Traffic had lessened then," she said.

The victim was taken to Sabah Medical Centre by her branch manager for X-Ray and MRI examinations.

According to her, the motorcycle of the culprits was green in colour.

The victim's colleague lodged a report on the incident yesterday at Karamuning Police

Station.

ABX Express (M) Sdn Bhd Chief Operating Officer Tan Chong Yian said his company was taking this case very seriously and he was very concerned about his staff's safety.

"It is not just personal safety that is at risk here, but also commercial loss," he said.

"This is a societal problem, our city is still not safe," he said.

He urged the Mayor to look seriously into the security problem in the city, and the police to intensify their patrol in the area as a lot of similar cases such as breaking of car windows have occurred at Gaya Street and the back lane there.

"Fortunately, the data in the computer was password protected but we still suffered from partial loss of our business data," he said.

The victim is now recuperating at home.