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A GUARD at the Nibong Tebal police lock-up left his post to bring food for inmates only to find a detained drug suspect dead five minutes later.

The 47-year-old man was found hanged from one of the metal bars of the lock-up door at about 6.30pm on Wednesday.

South Seberang Prai OCPD Supt Shafien Mamat said the suspect had been remanded since Monday after police arrested him for possessing 7.62gm of heroin in Sungai Aceh on Monday.

“The suspect was in one of the 11 cells on the upper floor of the lock-up. He was only released three months ago after being convicted in a drug case.”

He told a press conference at the state police headquarters yesterday said the man had previous police records, comprising six home break-ins and nine drug possession cases.

Shafien said the suspect was believed to have torn his shorts to fashion a noose. “He was also isolated from other inmates as he was HIV-positive.”