Cop in Kugan case to know fate on June 11

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SHAH ALAM: Constable V. Navindran will know on June 11 whether he would be freed or found guilty of causing hurt to detainee A. Kugan, who died in police custody.

Sessions judge Aslam Zainuddin fixed the date yesterday after the prosecution and defence submitted their written submissions.

Navindran, 32, was alleged to have caused hurt to Kugan, 22, a suspected car thief, at the interrogation room of the Taipan USJ police station in Subang Jaya between 7am and 4pm on Jan 16, 2009.

The prosecution, led by deputy public prosecutor Mohamad Abazafree Mohd Abbas, had, in their written submissions, challenged the accused's credibility.

Navindran had, in his defence, said he was not at the interrogation room at 7am on Jan 16, 2009, and that he was not involved in interrogating Kugan as he was unwell.

"Navindran was instructed to interrogate Kugan when he came for duty between noon and 4pm. During that time, he never said he was unwell.

"The defence also never filed a notice of alibi saying he was not in the interrogation room at 7am that day."

The prosecution submitted that Navindran's evidence was not consistent, was conflicting and cannot be believed.

Counsel Datuk P.M. Nagarajan said Navindran was not at the scene at 7am and added that his partner, Corporal Awtar Singh, had testified that the accused was not involved in interrogating Kugan at 4pm.

"A notice of alibi for the first offence was not filed because we have documentary evidence to prove this."