

Bootlegger jailed 9 months for stabbing and robbing clerk

Court convicted him of stabbing store clerk

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Dubai: A bootlegger has been jailed for nine months after a court convicted him of stabbing a clerk and stealing his wallet and mobile phone.

The Dubai Court of First Instance sentenced the 27-year-old Guinean barman to six months in jail for theft and assault and three months for bootlegging.

Presiding Judge Al Saeed Mohammad Barghout said the accused, O.S., will be deported after the completion of his jail term.

When the accused appeared in court he denied robbing and stabbing the Algerian clerk.

He contended in courtroom four: "I did not use force or rob him. He came to buy alcohol from my place ... after he drank, he refused to pay. When I asked him to leave something in my possession as a guarantee [until he paid] he got irritated and we brawled."

Prosecutors charged O.S. with stabbing the Algerian clerk, with a pocketknife, three times before robbing his money, mobile phone and wristwatch.

According to the charges sheet, O.S. [and another suspect who remains at large] stabbed the Algerian repeatedly and stole his Dh460, phone and wristwatch. The Guinean was additionally charged with possessing 109 cans of beer and 11 whisky bottles for trading purposes.

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