

Driver pleads not guilty to peeping at woman in Jumeirah beach shower

The 34-year-old suspect is accused of lewdly staring at the victim prior to the incident

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Dubai: A Syrian driver is under trial for voyeurism before the Dubai Court of First Instance.

Prosecutors accused the driver, identified only as A.R., of peering over a bathroom door at the Jumairah Open Beach where an Egyptian housewife was taking a shower.

The defendant denied the charge.

Offensive looks

"No sir... I did not do so," said the 34-year-old as he pleaded not guilty to the charge.

According to the complainant, prior to the incident the defendant have been leering at her.

"I noticed the suspect gazing at me in an indecent way as he swam beside me. I didn't inform my husband, who is short-tempered, because I did not want any trouble.

"When my husband went to buy some refreshments, the defendant came closer to me and he was gazing at me in a lewd and offensive way [that's why] I went out of the waters.

"While I was showering at the open showers, the suspect came near me. My husband spotted him and came to ask me if he [was bothering me. I immediately said no and headed to the washroom.

"While I was bathing inside the shower cabin, I heard a woman shouting: 'What are you doing here!' I didn't pay much attention until I spotted the suspect peeping from above the shower door. Immediately I called my husband," she told prosecutors.

Prosecution records

Prosecution records said the complainant's husband prevented the defendant from fleeing until the police arrived and arrested him.

Trial resumes on December 29.

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