

Maid confesses to stealing from sponsor

Asks court to show her leniency after employer secretly films her taking money from his wallet

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Dubai: A housemaid is in provisional detention for stealing Dh50 from her sponsor.

Prosecutors accused the 23-year-old Filipina, R.G., of stealing Dh50 from her Emirati sponsor, who is a police lieutenant.

The sponsor is said to have taken a secret video on his mobile phone of the maid stealing the money.

"Yes I am guilty. I stole money from my boss," argued R.G. when she appeared before the Dubai Court of First Instance yesterday.

The lieutenant testified that the incident happened three months after he employed R.G. as his housemaid.

Discovery

"My wife informed me that she had been missing money from her wallet and the children were missing money as well," the police lieutenant said.

"Later, I also discovered some money missing from my wallet which I keep in my bedroom," he added. "On the day of the incident, I left Dh525 of different banknotes in my wallet after marking them... Then I placed my phone on the video mode and kept it inside a secret place," he said.

"Around 11am I asked the housemaid to escort me to drop my child to the clinic. Thereafter, I drove to Al Rashidiya Police Station and reported them that R.G. stole my money," the lieutenant claimed during questioning by the prosecution.

Prosecution records said R.G. confessed that she stole her sponsor's money as soon as she was confronted with the findings. She took out the money from her pocket and handed it to the policeman who questioned her.

"One of the Dh50 banknotes which were found in her possession had the same mark that I marked and kept in my wallet," the lieutenant claimed.

When asked by Presiding Judge Fahmi Mounir Fahmi on what she wanted from the court, the defendant asked for leniency and to be sent back home.

A verdict will be heard on January 30.

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