

Man gets jail term after fake card gives him away in Dubai

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Dubai: A man who fabricated a labour card to gain access to a residential complex has been handed a six-month prison sentence by the Dubai Court of First Instance.

The 39-year-old Indian defendant, identified as M.H., was trying to offload boxes of alcohol from his car in the Jebel Ali Port area when he was caught red-handed by the police.

A policeman testified that he had received a call about a man trying to offload bottles of alcohol from his car in the Jebel Ali Port area.

The policeman said that on reaching the spot mentioned by the caller, he saw a car surrounded by people. The defendant, suspecting the presence of police, attempted to flee but was apprehended.

The policeman said he asked M.H. how he had managed to enter the port area upon which the latter said he had an access card given to him by an Asian man.

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But upon comparing the access card with the defendant's driving licence, a disparity in names and photographs came to light.

The defendant confessed that the access card did not belong to him. A criminal laboratory report tendered to the court revealed that the defendant's labour card did not bear the markings of authentic labour cards, which proved that it had not been issued by an official authority but was a counterfeit.

The Jebel Ali Free Zone Authority also told the prosecutors that the seized access card number did not match their records.

After reviewing the evidence, Presiding Judge Fahmi Mounir sentenced the defendant to six months in prison to be followed by deportation.

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