

Man jailed for luring woman into flat and trying to molest her

Victim fell from third floor in bid to escape attacker's advances

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Dubai: A man has been jailed for three years for causing injuries to a woman after she fell from a third-floor flat trying to escape being raped by him.

The Dubai Court of First Instance convicted the 34-year-old Syrian of locking the Egyptian woman in the flat, where he molested her and injured her when she accidentally fell from the third floor to escape being raped.

The woman told prosecutors that when the accused, A.A., locked the door from inside, she ran towards an open window wanting to escape, but when he grabbed her shirt, she slipped and fell to the ground floor and injured herself.

Pronouncing yesterday's judgment, Presiding Judge Fahmi Mounir said A.A. will be deported after the completion of his punishment.

When A.A. appeared in courtroom four he denied the accusations.

According to the charge sheet, prosecutors accused A.A. of molesting the woman by passing his finger on her lips, locking her in the flat against her will and being responsible for her fall and her injuries.

The woman met A.A. and his friend, according to her statement, in a coffee shop one evening in Al Rigga.

"I heard them talking about real estate and leases... when I asked him, A.A. claimed to me that he worked for a real estate brokerage in Al Mutaina. I give him my contact number after I told him that I was seeking to rent a studio or a bedroom flat. Four days later, he claimed that he had a flat ready for leasing in Hor Al Anz. I went with him in his car to see the flat... we walked into the building and he told three watchmen that he wanted to show me flats 306 and 308. Instead, he opened flat 327 and we walked in... then he locked the door and placed the key in his pocket. 'In brief I like you and want to have sex with you,' he told me.

"He asked me not to shout, cry or call the police... I convinced him to put the key in the door lock. When he walked towards the door, I ran towards an open window wanting to

escape... he tried to pull me back in to have sex with me. I was grabbing on to one of the pipes, before I lost my balance and fell," said the plaintiff in her statement.

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