

# Mechanic says drugs were to ease pain from hair implant

Man denies using narcotics, says substance consumed for medical purposes.

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Dubai: A mechanic denied taking drugs in court yesterday, claiming that he took medication to stop constant headaches which were being caused by a hair implant surgery he had recently.

"I am not guilty. I do not take drugs. The material which was confiscated from my possession was a medicine. I had a recent hair implantation which had been causing me a constant headache.

"The substance which I consumed was for medical purposes," argued the 35-year-old Pakistani mechanic when he defended himself before the Dubai Court of First Instance.

Prosecutors accused 35-year-old K.J. with smuggling and possessing 0.06 grams of amphetamine.

His 24-year-old compatriot visitor, K.M., was charged with consuming hashish.

"I am not guilty. I consumed hashish, but that happened in Pakistan and not here," contended K.M. when he defended himself before Presiding Judge Hamad Abdul Latif Abdul Jawad. An Emirati first corporal testified that he grew suspicious of the defendants during a random raid on a nightclub in Deira.

"I asked the suspects to show their IDs, and when they failed to present their personal identification documents, I took them to the police station for questioning. I searched K.J., and found a suspicious white substance hidden in his wallet.

"Upon searching K.M., he turned out to be clean. We kept the two in detention until we were informed that the confiscated substance was amphetamine.

"We sent K.J. and K.M. to the Anti-Narcotics Department for drug tests," the first corporal claimed in his prosecution statement.

The court reconvenes on October 20.