

# Nigerian man cleared of possessing, trafficking drugs in Dubai

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Dubai: The saying 'innocent until proven guilty' has no meaning for a Nigerian man... who has always been Innocent by name and is now innocent by nature.

Innocent was found innocent of possessing and trafficking 1.1 kilogram of heroin, ruled the Dubai Court of First Instance on Tuesday.

"Innocent N.A. is innocent of the charge of possessing and trafficking drugs," said Presiding Judge Al Saeed Mohammad Barghout when he handed out the judgement.

## **The charges**

Prosecutors previously charged Innocent, a 36-year-old Nigerian visitor, and M.A., a 23-year-old Pakistani visitor, with possessing drugs for trafficking purposes.

Prosecutors asked the court to pronounce Innocent not innocent and hand out the toughest punishment to him and M.A.

The judge acquitted Innocent, but gave M.A. a life sentence, which is 25 years in jail.

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