

No RTA ticket forgery by client, lawyer says

Lawyer cries foul against RTA inspector who booked his client over Dh1-worth forgery

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Dubai: A lawyer cried foul against a Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) inspector in court yesterday, for accusing his client, a high profile engineer, of tampering a Dh1 parking ticket.

Prosecutors accused the 30-year-old Iranian mechanical engineer of tampering with an RTA parking ticket and using it to park for free in Al Rashidiya.

"My client, B.M., is an engineer and he holds a high-profile post in Dubai. His income is excellent... I do not understand why or how can he be falsely accused of forging a parking ticket worth Dh1."

He wanted to know where the forged ticket was, and said no crime was committed.

"The evidence is baseless and the accusation was unfounded," the lawyer added, addressing Presiding Judge Fahmi Mounir at the Dubai Court of First Instance.

According to the chargesheet, prosecutors said the suspects forged a parking ticket and placed it on his dashboard so he could park for free. "I am innocent. I didn't forge any document," argued B.M. when he defended himself in courtroom four.

Discrepancy

An RTA inspector testified that he spotted a discrepancy between the number six printed on the suspected forged ticket and the one's which are usually printed by the parking meter.

"The meter had issued more than 4,000 tickets, meanwhile the serial number of the suspected forged ticket read in the 1000s. The letters were also printed in a different colour. We reported [to] the police who summoned the defendant... who later ran away from the scene," alleged the inspector in his prosecution statement.

A verdict will be heard on June 30.