

# Policeman, trader jailed in Dubai for bribery

Corporal found guilty of accepting car in exchange for information on extradition request

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Dubai: An Emirati corporal at Dubai Police's Interpol Section will spend three months in jail after the Dubai Court of First Instance

found him guilty of accepting a bribe from an Indian businessman.

Presiding Judge Al Saeed Mohammad Barghout also penalised the bribe giver, a 42-year-old businessman identified as J.S., with a similar jail term. He will be deported after serving his sentence. Both defendants earlier denied the charges.

Prosecutors accused the 27-year-old policeman of accepting a 2008 Land Rover from the businessman in exchange for information on the status of his extradition case in connection with a murder case in India.

"I didn't take any bribe but I bought the car from him," argued Y.S. in his defence. J.S. meanwhile claimed that he had offered to sell his 2008 Range Rover to the policeman.

An Emirati police major testified that an informant alerted them that Y.S. used J.S.'s Range Rover for three months.

"The informant said Y.S. was following up on J.S.'s extradition request at Dubai Public Prosecution. Preliminary investigations unveiled that the Indian gave his car to the corporal to use it and keep on updating him with information about the Indian authorities' extradition request.

## Violation

"Y.S. violated the administration's bylaws and verbal orders not [to] communicate with [crime] suspects. He shouldn't have taken or used the vehicle. Y.S.'s claim that he was trying the car was untrue," the police major said.