

RTA employee admits to hacking into system

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Dubai: An employee confessed in court on Sunday that he disclosed a woman's contact details from the Roads and Transports Authority's database (RTA) to a student, who also admitted to harassing her.

Prosecutors accused the 22-year-old Lebanese of abusing his duty as an RTA employee, hacking into Salik's database system and divulging the Egyptian woman's contacts to his 21-year-old Australian accomplice.

The latter was charged with harassing the woman over Yahoo Messenger.

"I am guilty. Yes sir, I hacked into the system and disclosed the woman's contact details," 22-year-old B.A. said when he appeared in the Dubai Court of First Instance. Twenty-one-year-old J.A., also pleaded guilty and confessed that he harassed the 36-year-old woman.

When asked by Presiding Judge Al Saeed Mohammad Barghout whether he harassed the woman over the telephone, J.A. said he only contacted her via e-mail.

His lawyer Nabeel Abdullah told the court that the claimant dropped the case through a waiver. He requested three days to submit his closing arguments.

A verdict will be heard on February 1.

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