

# Robber trying to escape with jewellery arrested

Suspect also stole from the same shop two years ago, employee says.

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Sharjah: Police have arrested an Asian national who attempted to rob a jewellery shop after he was prevented from running away from the scene by the shopkeeper.

The shopkeeper alleged that the same suspect had also robbed his shop two years ago.

A senior official from Sharjah Police told Gulf News that a man attempted to carry out a theft at Chennai Jewellery Shop, located in Al Rolla area at approximately 7pm on Saturday.

An employee at the shop explained that the suspect initially entered the shop looking calm and had requested to see several items of gold jewellery. Once they were on display at the counter, the suspect then snatched the jewellery and attempted to run away with the goods.

"I thought that the man looked familiar and at first thought nothing of it. But after a while, I realised that he was the same man who robbed us two years ago," said the employee.

"The Operations Control Room initially received a call from a shopkeeper that a man tried to steal a great deal of gold jewellery from his shop. Within two minutes, a police patrol arrived at the scene and found that the suspect was held down by the shopkeeper and his assistant," said the police official.

The suspect is currently held in a police station and is under investigation.

"The outlet in question is connected directly to the Operations Control Room at Sharjah Police, and is also equipped with closed circuit television," he said.