

Staffer denies accepting bribes

Data entry operator has been accused of forgery and unlawfully renewing vehicle registrations.

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Dubai: A data entry operator at Enoc has strongly denied the charge of accepting bribes to renew the registration of six vehicles in an unlawful manner, a court heard on Tuesday.

Prosecutors have charged the D.A., 35, [who does not carry personal identification documents] with abusing his public position [at Enoc] by unlawfully allowing six vehicles to pass the technical check-up without being examined — in return for a bribe.

"I am not guilty ... I didn't commit any of the mentioned charges," D.A. argued when he appeared before the Dubai Court of First Instance.

According to the charge sheet, prosecutors accused D.A. of forging official electronic forms and accepting a bribe of between Dh100 and Dh200 for each transaction.

The form D.A. was accused of forging was the Roads and Transport Authority's pass/fail technical check-up form required when a vehicle's registration is being renewed.

Prosecutors also charged a 32-year Jordanian cook and a 27-year-old Syrian truck driver with bribing D.A. to renew their vehicles. The cook, A.O., and the driver, M.A., were also charged with aiding and abetting D.A., and using the forged electronic forms.

A.O. and M.A. pleaded innocent before Presiding Judge Al Saeed Mohammad Barghout to what they said were "baseless charges."

An Emirati police officer testified that an informant alerted them that M.A. was renewing vehicles, thus bypassing the RTA's technical check-up examination.

The defendants were arrested in a sting operation, according to records.