

Two face 30 years for rape and theft in Sharjah

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Sharjah: Two men are to each serve 30 years in jail for the rape of three beauty salon workers, and the theft of their cash, phones and a camera.

The rapes and thefts took place in two separate incidents in Sharjah.

For the first incident, the Sharia Court of First Instance sentenced the two Pakistani men to 10 years each in jail for raping two beauty salon workers in the Al Ta'awun area.

The men were also sentenced to another five years each for threatening the women, and stealing their money and their mobile phones.

For the second incident, the court sentenced the same men to another 10 years each in jail for raping a third worker in a beauty salon in Jamal Abdul Naser Street. They were also each given another five years in jail for stealing a phone, camera, and cash amounting to Dh1,490 from her.

Deportation

The two will be deported after serving the jail terms.

In the first incident, two Filipina beauty salon workers were raped and robbed by the two men in a daytime attack inside the salon in a busy area, according to court documents.

The documents showed M.A., 26, and A.M., 23, were accused of raping R.T. and J.M. by threatening them with a knife and tying them up. The men stole Dh5,800 from the till and victims, and took their mobile phones.

Police said the accused at first denied they had raped the women, saying they only stole the money and the mobiles. Later the accused admitted to their crime, police said.

The first incident took place at a beauty salon in the Al Ta'awun area in the afternoon when the two Filipina women and their Indian coworker were in the salon. The victims told the court the men entered the salon with knives in their hands.

The men asked the women to be silent and then locked the door from the inside. One of the men held two knives. The court heard that the men took R.T. and the Indian woman into the salon's cleaning room and locked the door. The men kept J.M. in the waiting room, where M.A. raped her after using a knife to threaten her. The other man went into the cleaning room where he removed R.T.'s clothes and raped her. The men then tied up all three women in the cleaning room with the phone wire.

Police said the men then stole money from the women's handbags and the till, and stole their mobile phones.

Death threats

The victims told the court that the men threatened to kill them if they told police. One of the women managed to untie herself and call the police. R.T. told police that the taller of the two men pushed her to the floor before raping her. J.M. told police that the shorter of the two men raped her and when she resisted he threatened to kill her.

When the men were apprehended by police they denied having met the victims.

Police investigations and the DNA test proved the accused raped the two women.

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