

Uzbek woman jailed 3 months for bribing policeman

Offered him Dh200 'hush money' after he found her drunk

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Dubai: An Uzbek woman has been jailed for three months after a court yesterday convicted her of bribing a policeman not to book her and her friend after he discovered them drunk.

The Dubai Court of First Instance found the 29-year-old Uzbek guilty of paying Dh200 in "hush money" to the Sudanese policeman.

Prosecutors accused the woman, J.T., of bribing the policeman to let them go instead of booking her and her compatriot friend after they were caught in a drunken state in the car park under the building where they lived.

When she appeared before Presiding Judge Hamad Abdul Latif Abdul Jawad, J.T. pleaded not guilty and denied the bribery charge.

According to the charge sheet, J.T. offered a bribe to the policeman to release them instead of taking them to the police station.

The Sudanese policeman testified that he heard the two women shouting under their building in Al Hamriya.

"My colleague and I heard loud noises... we headed towards the voice and saw the women in the parking area. They said their friend was the one who made the loud noise before he left. I asked them to follow us in the police car because they seemed drunk," stated the policeman.

Records said J.T. took out Dh200 from her purse and handed it to the policeman.

"She remained silent when I asked her why she gave me the money... I understood that she was offering me a bribe to release them. I took the money and then reported the incident to my superior at the station," said the policeman.

Yesterday's judgment remains subject to appeal within 15 days.