

Worker denies molestation charge

A worker has denied the charge of molesting a mentally-challenged person

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Dubai: A worker has denied the charge of molesting a mentally-challenged person while doing some maintenance work in a bedroom, a court heard yesterday.

Prosecutors accused the 25-year-old Afghan worker with molesting the mentally-ill person and making him touch his private parts.

"I am not guilty. I didn't do it," contended the suspect, G.R., when he defended himself before the Dubai Court of First Instance's Presiding Judge Fahmi Mounir.

According to the chargesheet, prosecutors said, the suspect exploited the person's mental disability and made him touch his private parts while carrying out work in the bedroom of the victim's relative. An Emirati police corporal testified that the incident happened in the female relative's house in Al Mizhir 2 area.

"When we reached the complainant's house, she informed us that the suspect molested the person. She claimed that G.R. was fixing the bedroom... she said she left him alone with her relative and walked out for a short period. She alleged that when she returned she saw the suspect's zipper unbuttoned and he was partly naked and exposed himself to her relative. The woman also claimed that there was some evidence that the person was molested... she claimed she saw semen on the cupboard and the wall," the corporal told prosecutors.

The forensic laboratory's report confirmed that the semen belonged to G.R. Prosecution documents quoted the suspect admitting that he molested the person. Presiding Judge Mounir will hand a judgment when the court reconvenes later this month.