

Duo on death row seek remission

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Dubai: Two convicts facing capital punishment requested a court on Tuesday to reconsider the verdict in view of a waiver they had obtained from the parents of a salesman whom they murdered in 2001.

The convicts, 31-year-old Russian S.A. and 35-year-old Ukrainian S.N., on Tuesday handed the Dubai Court of First Instance a written waiver obtained from the parents of the Indian salesman whom they were convicted of killing in 2001 as they attempted to steal Dh5 million worth of diamonds and jewellery.

Their lawyer Abdul Rahman Al Mutawaa handed Presiding Judge Al Saeed Mohammad Barghout, in courtroom four, a written request to reduce his clients' punishment after the parents of the victim dropped their complaint against S.A. and S.N.

Advocate Al Mutawaa mentioned in the written request, which was viewed by Gulf News, that the family of the salesman, A.B., had collected blood money [Dh150,000 — the amount set at the time] and waived their charges against the killers.

"We forgive S.A. and S.N. and we hold no grudge against them. We pardon them forever. This is to certify that we only collected the blood money amount and nothing else," said the written waiver.

Verdict

Presiding Judge Barghout will give the verdict on October 26.

The convicts submitted their plea based on article 332 of the Federal Penal Code, which stipulates that a court can hand out a one-year imprisonment [minimum] in case a premeditated murder convict obtains a waiver from blood parents.