

Husband says he was drunk when he shot wife

Claims he had no intention to kill her with unlicensed firearm.

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Dubai: A soldier has claimed that he was intoxicated when he unintentionally shot his wife in her back using his unlicensed Tigarev gun, heard a court on Sunday.

"I did not have the intention to premeditatedly attempt to murder my wife... I was under the influence of alcohol. However, I am guilty on the grounds of possessing a gun without a licence, but the gun belongs to shaikhs," argued the 53-year-old Emirati soldier when he defended himself before the Dubai Court of First Instance.

Prosecutors accused 53-year-old E.J. of a premeditated murder attempt on his 38-year-old wife using an unlicensed gun while under the influence of alcohol.

According to the bill of charges, prosecutors also charged him with possessing a gun without obtaining a proper licence from the concerned authorities and unlawfully possessing explosive materials (12 grenades of fireworks).

Swift medical intervention helped save the wife's life after she was taken to Rashid Hospital.

Denial

"I did not have any intention to shoot at her or try to kill her..." contended E.J.

Presiding Judge Al Saeed Mohammad Barghout adjourned the case until November 9, until a lawyer is assigned to defend the suspect.

Sources close to the investigation told *Gulf News* that the wife waived her complaint against the suspect.

"I yelled at the kids and scolded them for behaving chaotically... my husband asked me not to scold the children while he was drinking. The children continued shouting. Suddenly he went to his room angrily meanwhile I rushed behind him to calm him down... I was surprised when I saw that he pulled out his gun and shot me in my back. I rushed out to the neighbour's house for rescue," the wife said during prosecution questioning.

An Emirati policeman who questioned E.J. said one of the shaikhs gave E.J. the gun in 1977.

"He claimed to me that he shot his wife because she told him 'you are not a man'. A female neighbour reported to the police that the wife rushed to their doorstep and she was bleeding," the policeman said.

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