

Informant's confession stuns court

Anti-narcotics sleuths accused of attempt to frame suspect

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Dubai: A lawyer surprised a court yesterday when he presented an informant's written confession which claimed anti-narcotics police officers had coerced him into fabricating a drug-trafficking case against his client.

When the Emirati suspect, A.J., appeared before the Dubai Court of First Instance he pleaded not guilty and strongly denied the charge of possessing and trafficking 0.76 grammes of drugs.

A.J.'s lawyer Abdullah Al Taher then told Presiding Judge Al Saeed Mohammad Barghout: "This case is baseless and all the evidence was fabricated. The anti-narcotics police's informant handed us a written confession that anti-narcotics police officers coerced him and forced him to fabricate this case against my client.

Today we present the written confession to court and we request permission to allow him to testify as a defence witness... he has shown willingness to come to court."

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