

Man charged with raping Dubai schoolboy repeatedly

Defendant allegedly assaulted teenager 20 times over 40 days

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Dubai: An employee has been charged with raping a schoolboy 20 times over 40 days and sending the boy text messages in which he threatened to inform his mother if he refused his sexual advances.

Prosecutors charged the 26-year-old man with repeatedly sodomising his 14-year-old compatriot.

The man allegedly threatened to beat the teenager up and also threatened to inform the boy's mother about the nature of their relationship.

Jail wardens failed to bring the suspect before the Dubai Court of First Instance where he was scheduled to be charged on Sunday.

According to the arraignment sheet, prosecutors said the defendant, M.A., raped the boy in his car.

The defendant was additionally charged with abusing the telecommunication system (mobile phone services) to send text messages to threaten the boy.

Presiding Judge Al Saeed Mohammad Barghout on Sunday told M.A.'s lawyer in courtroom nine that his client's bail request had been rejected four times. The judge also rejected a fifth bail request.

The schoolboy testified that he became acquainted with the defendant over the phone. "We used to exchange messages. M.A. often told me that he loved me and wanted us to meet outside so he could sleep with me," the schoolboy told prosecutors.

"I rejected him several times... until one day he called me while I was in a shopping mall. He asked me to join him in his vehicle and I did. He covered the front windshield and kissed me... Then he reversed my seat and had sex with me for the first time," he said.

"He used to phone me every two days for the same purpose... I wanted to end the relationship but he used to threaten me via SMS. He paid me Dh100 after each [abuse]."

Boy's confession

The boy's father testified that his wife informed him that she scolded the defendant after she spotted him looking at her son in a mall.

"When she asked him about his relationship to our son, the suspect claimed that he worked as a lieutenant in the Interior Ministry. Thereafter my son revealed the truth that the suspect had raped him nearly 10 times," the father said.

A Yemeni first corporal testified that the boy told him that M.A. used to rape him in his car behind the mall.

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