

# Man denies charges of trespassing, molestation

A cleaner denied in court Tuesday the charge of trespassing into a businesswoman's bedroom

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Dubai: A cleaner denied in court Tuesday the charge of trespassing into a businesswoman's bedroom and molesting her while she was asleep.

Prosecutors accused the 28-year-old Sri Lankan cleaner of molesting the Uzbek woman after he trespassed into her villa in Umm Suqeim.

"I am not guilty. I didn't molest or trespass into her place," argued 28-year-old S.C. when he defended himself before the Dubai Court of First Instance.

His lawyer Haroun Tahlak argued before Presiding Judge Al Saeed Mohammad Barghout: "My client is innocent. He did not commit that crime. We ask the court to pronounce his innocence otherwise to be lenient with him."

According to the charge sheet, prosecutors said the defendant trespassed into the 31-year-old businesswoman's villa around 5am while sleeping and sat beside her on the bed before he molested her.

"My son and I were asleep... suddenly I felt that somebody was in my room. When I woke up, I was surprised to see the defendant sitting on my bed.

"I kicked him when he gagged me wanting to prevent me from screaming. He fell off the bed and ran away from the kitchen window. He forgot his shoe in my bedroom," the woman testified before prosecutors.

Prosecution records showed that this is the second case of its kind against S.C., who is currently serving a six-month jail term for trespassing into a house and molesting a British woman.

Presiding Judge Barghout will hand down a verdict on February 8.