

Manager, accomplices held for drug crimes in UAE

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Dubai: Police arrested a Pakistani hotel manager and two of his accomplices for dealing with, trafficking and possessing 231 capsules of heroin.

The capsules are worth Dh60,000 according to police sources. The three suspects were arrested on November 20.

"We received information that a suspect [R.B.] with a partially forged passport, who had been deported from the UAE in 2002 for drug-related crimes, is in the country and operating. He was managing a hotel in Naif area and sold drugs to the hotel visitors," Major Khalid Bin Muweiza, Director of Central Information department at the General Department of Combating Narcotics at Dubai Police, said during a press conference.

The drugs were trafficked from outside the country through oral capsules that were carried in the suspects' (K.A. and A.R.) intestines.

"Trafficking drugs in capsules in the intestine is considered one of the most prolific and cheapest ways to traffic narcotics. The capsules are hard to detect especially as not every person in the airport is screened through an X-ray machine, and it is a cheap method to use for trafficking purposes," said Major Bin Muweiza.

Sting operation

Two of the suspects, R.B. and K.A., were arrested in the hotel lobby at 5.30pm during a sting operation.

"The first suspect carried a number of capsules in his pockets and another in a plastic bag that he carried. The second suspect carried Dh42,300 in his pockets and an undisclosed amount of money in another currency which is suspected to be the profit of previous sales," said Major Bin Muweiza.

The two suspects confessed that they had a third accomplice residing in Abu Dhabi who possessed the remaining 86 capsules.

With the help of the Abu Dhabi Police, the third suspect was arrested at his residence.

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