

# Mechanic feigned illness as pharmacist was robbed

Accomplices of Pakistani mechanic also on trial for stealing necklace of a female pharmacist while they attacked her

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Dubai: A Pakistani mechanic pretended to a female pharmacist that he was sick, before his two crime associates attacked her and stole her necklace worth Dh10,000 a court heard yesterday.

Prosecutors accused the 41-year-old mechanic, Z.R., and his compatriots, 37-year-old Z.K. and 30-year-old S.D., with attacking the Indian pharmacist and stealing her gold necklace. A fourth Pakistani suspect, 55-year-old S.N., was charged with possessing the stolen necklace.

S.N. said he was not guilty and pleaded for mercy before the Dubai Court of First Instance.

Z.R. claimed he had a stomach ache, according to prosecution records, when he and Z.K. walked into the pharmacy to buy medicine. Then they attacked the pharmacist and stole her necklace. A waiter, who worked for a neighbouring cafeteria, chased down the suspects and stopped Z.K.

Z.R. and Z.K. pleaded guilty when they appeared before Presiding Judge Hamad Abdul Latif Abdul Jawad.

They told the judge that S.N. was not involved in the incident. Meanwhile S.D. pleaded innocent and denied masterminding the incident and plotting the theft.

The Indian pharmacist testified that the incident happened shortly after she arrived at the pharmacy at Al Mutainah Road.

A verdict will be heard on November 11.

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