

# Ophthalmologist jailed three months for forgery

Convict allegedly tampered with RTA tickets

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Dubai: A 60-year-old ophthalmologist faces three months in jail after a court convicted him of forging a Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) parking ticket and using it to park for free at a hospital.

"I am not a forger... I am not guilty. I didn't forge anything," argued the Indian ophthalmologist when he defended himself before the Dubai Court of First Instance.

Presiding Judge Fahmi Mounir Sunday pronounced him guilty although the defendant denied the accusation of forging the ticket. Prosecution records said an RTA inspector found the ticket on the dashboard in a parking lot of a private hospital.

The accused was charged with tampering with the ticket by scratching off the old expiry date and writing a new expiry date so he could park for free.

The Emirati inspector found the forged ticket after noticing the car was parked improperly. Yesterday's judgment remains subject to appeal within 15 days.

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