

Pedestrians prevent thief from escaping with loot

Suspect snatches Dh50,000 from elderly man in sharjah

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Sharjah: Police arrested a 32-year-old man who allegedly snatched an envelope containing Dh50,000 from an elderly man who just stepped out from a bank in Al Soor area.

A police spokesman told Gulf News that pedestrians who heard the victim's cry for help chased the suspect and prevented him from making good his escape.

According to the police, the 60-year-old victim, identified as B. Joy, was counting the cash he withdrew from a local bank when the suspect, identified as A. Abbas G., snatched the envelope and ran away.

Distress call

Pedestrians who heard the victim's distress call chased the suspect who ran towards King Faisal mosque.

A traffic patrol that responded to the emergency alert placed the suspect under arrest.

Police also recovered the money which was handed back to the victim.

The suspect was brought to Al Gharb Police Station for questioning.

Police said that during investigation the suspect explained that he used to work as a camel-raiser.

When his visa expired, he remained in the country illegally as he did not want to return to his home country.

He then started to monitor bank customers in order to steal from them, police said.

The case has been transferred to Sharjah Public Prosecution.

Police meanwhile warned bank clients to be extra vigilant with their cash after withdrawals, and advised people not to carry large amounts of cash.

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