

Policeman denies rape

A 13-year-old girl was allegedly sexually assaulted in a car

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Dubai; A 21-year-old Emirati police officer identified as A.H. denied raping a 13-year-old girl in the back seat of his car last May 8.

According to the arraignment sheet, the girl, K.A., was sleeping over at a relative's house. There a female relative, S.O., took K.A. along to meet her [S.O.'s] boyfriend A.H. A few days later S.O. again took K.A. with her as she went to meet A.H. Then leaving K.A. with A.H., she went to a hairdresser.

As the girl sat in A.H.'s car, he allegedly moved to the back seat and climbed on top of her, pulling her gown up. She told investigators that A.H. ripped off her underwear and proceeded to rape her, causing her intense pain and bleeding.

The victim's mother suspected something amiss with her daughter when she kept to herself at home, but the girl did not tell her anything. A few days later, the housemaid informed the mother that she had washed the girl's clothes which had blood all over them. The mother then took K.A. to a gynaecologist who testified that the girl had been raped. After consulting the Dubai Foundation for Women and Children, the girl's parents reported the case to Al Rashidiya police station. The next hearing is on November 3.

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