

Sharjah court sentences six for drug abuse and trafficking

Police tailed accused for hours on Emirates Road after tip-off

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Sharjah: A court in Sharjah sentenced three Emiratis and an Omani to varying jail terms for smuggling and using drugs.

The court also sentenced the suspects' two Emirati accomplices to four years in jail on charges of abetment.

The Sharia court sentenced M.H., 36, to 14 years in jail for possessing, smuggling and using drugs, and fined him Dh71,000. He was also convicted of driving under the influence of drugs.

The court also sentenced W.Sh., 28, an Omani, to 14 years imprisonment for smuggling and using drugs, and fined him Dh20,000 for driving under the influence of drugs.

The third accused identified as A.A., 59, was sentenced to 14 years in jail for possessing and using drugs and fined Dh20,000 for driving under the influence of drugs.

The fourth accused identified as M.M., 37, was jailed for 10 years and ordered to pay a Dh50,000 fine for possessing and using drugs.

The fifth accused identified as M.B, 31, was sentenced to four years for possessing hashish and fined Dh20,000 for driving under the influence of drugs. J.K, 45, was sentenced to four years in jail for using hashish and Dh20,000 for driving under the influence of drugs.

According to court papers, Sharjah Police received a tip-off about a group dealing in drugs. An informer told police that M.H., the first accused, was smuggling and using drugs in his vehicle and was driving on Emirates Road.

Police tailed him for hours and he unwittingly led them to the other accused in Ajman and several other places.