

Technician jailed for raping housewife in the UAE

A technician is sentenced in absentia to one year in jail for raping a pregnant housewife in the UAE

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Dubai: A technician was on Monday sentenced in absentia to one year in jail after a court convicted him of raping a pregnant housewife, who underwent an emergency abortion following the incident.

The Dubai Court of First Instance convicted the 29-year-old Pakistani technician, I.K., of raping the 27-year-old compatriot woman and sentenced him in absentia because he failed to attend any of the hearings.

Pronouncing Monday's judgment, Presiding Judge Hamad Abdul Latif Abdul Jawad said the accused will be deported after the completion of his punishment.

According to the Criminal Procedures Law, a suspect, who is sentenced in absentia, is entitled to request a retrial after he turns himself in.

Prosecutors said I.K. raped the housewife in her husband's electronics shop in Al Rifaa.

The woman told prosecutors that the incident happened when her husband hired the suspect to work with him in the shop.

"My husband hired the defendant to assist him as an electronics technician. One day I was assisting my husband... around noontime he left the shop. I remained in the shop along with I.K. About 2pm, the defendant went out to buy us lunch and beverages. I.K. returned and I had lunch and finished my drink... then I fainted and woke up after around one hour. I had severe pain. I was rushed to Al Wasl Hospital and had an abortion surgery," the housewife stated.

According to prosecution records, the woman did not inform her husband about the main reason why she had the abortion.

"At first, I couldn't tell him why I had the abortion... until one day the suspect threatened and blackmailed me over the phone," she said.

"He asked me to pay him Dh10,000 in order not to tell my husband that he raped me. I paid him the money which belonged to my husband. Later on he repeatedly blackmailed me and kept asking for money until I informed my husband about what really happened," the housewife claimed.

Prosecution records said the couple reported what happened to the police, who summoned the defendant for questioning.

The technician confessed that he had sex with the housewife during prosecution and police questioning.

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