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A GOLD Coast hairdresser charged with people trafficking has had to put his guilty pleas on the record for a second time due to his unpredictability in court.

Keith William Dobie, 48, yesterday re-pleaded guilty to bringing in two foreign women under a deceptive agreement to work as prostitutes, dealing with over \$10,000 which were proceeds of crime and giving false documents to migration officials in Bangkok.

He had already pleaded guilty to the charges at Southport District Court and his sentence was adjourned until last month.

However, when facing sentence before Judge Leanne Clare in Brisbane, Dobie told the court he had realised he was the first Queenslanders charged with people trafficking. He wanted to change his pleas to not guilty and get new representation.

The matter was then adjourned twice until yesterday when new defence lawyers said Dobie would now not pursue his change of plea application and asked that he be re-arraigned.

The prosecution agreed that considering the changing nature of the case it was 'wise' to have Dobie enter his pleas again.

Judge Clare allowed another adjournment until next week for defence counsel to prepare their submissions.

It is alleged Dobie lured the women to the Gold Coast as prostitutes, making them work harder and for less money than arranged.

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