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NEWS REPORT

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Two men have been found guilty of involvement in a sex slave scheme in which Thai women were forced to service 750 clients in exchange for their passage to Australia. Two other men were acquitted of similar charges.

One man, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, was found guilty on five counts of possessing a slave and four counts of structuring cash transactions to avoid financial disclosure laws. A second man, who also cannot be named, was found guilty on four counts of possessing a slave and one count of structuring cash. Chee Fui Hoo, 42, was found not guilty of one count of using a slave and there were no verdicts on two other charges. Slamet Edy Rahardjo, 53, was found not guilty on one charge.

The Supreme Court jury in Melbourne was told five women came to Australia knowing they were going to work in the sex industry. The court was told each woman incurred a debt where they had to service 650 to 750 men for the opportunity to come and work in Australia.

The women received \$5 of the \$125 paid for each 30-minute session and worked six days a week.

Prosecutor Daniel Gurvich said they were allowed to work on their day off and earn \$50 a client

The men will be sentenced at a later date.

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