



# Man found guilty of raping and detaining succession of women

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A man accused of torturing, raping and detaining women he lived with over more than two decades has been found guilty of a raft of charges.

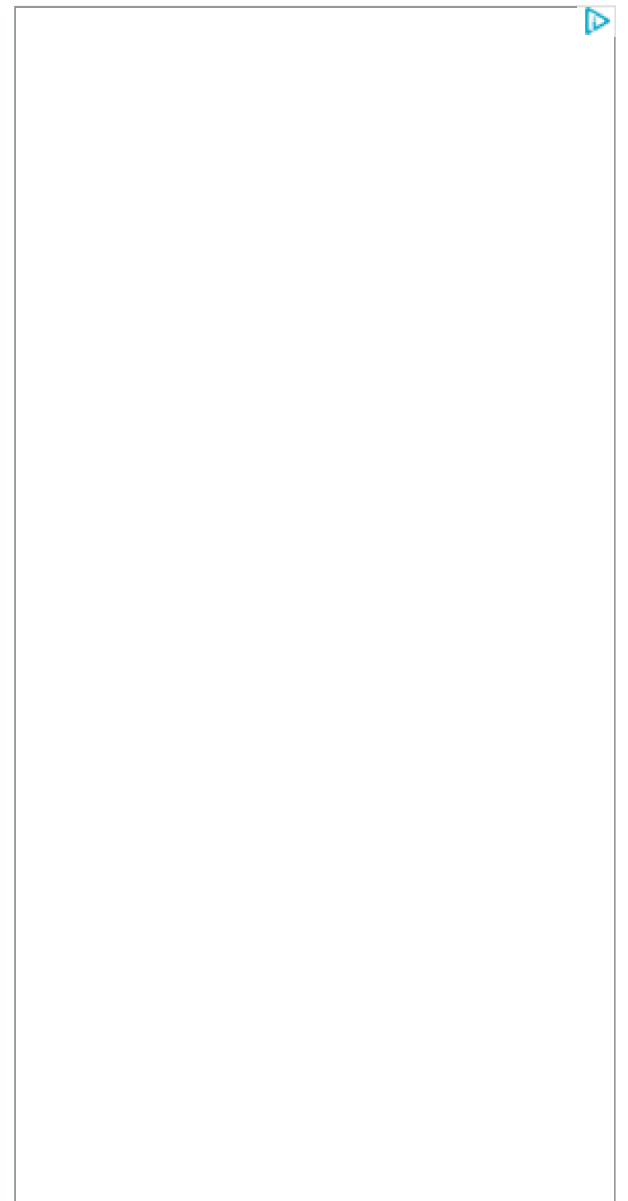
The 52-year-old's trial heard allegations that he physically and psychologically abused a succession of women he lived with on the NSW Central Coast between 1988 and 2014.

A jury found the man guilty of 10 rape charges and eight counts of detaining for advantage in the NSW District Court on Friday afternoon. But the jury have not yet reached a verdict on three other counts of indecent assault.

The man's trial heard that he beat, assaulted and degraded six women, and one of their children, telling one partner: "I own you. I am the king and you have to obey me."

The man, who was a member of the Jehovah's Witness Church, was accused of raping women with household objects, forcing them to eat their dinners off the floor, and hog-tying them and placing them face down in a bath filled with water.

The court heard he allegedly flew into violent rages if the washing was not folded correctly, an ex-boyfriend was mentioned or a sandwich was not to his liking.



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One woman was forced to sleep in the laundry, shave her hair and to stay up all night.

"I'm your king. You are my slave you're never going anywhere. You'll never escape me," he allegedly told another woman after raping her.

Another female partner gave evidence in court that the man pummelled her with a piece of wood when she was pregnant.

"Today's my birthday ... I want my son to be born on my birthday," the man said.

The court heard that he threw bread knives at the woman and beat her unconscious after they bumped into her ex-boyfriend while at the RSL.

"I should have been your first boyfriend. You're a slut. You should have told me you had someone else before me," he allegedly said.

***"I'm your king. You are my slave you're never going anywhere."***

At one stage, the court heard, two of the man's partners were living in the same house with him. He allegedly owned the only keys to the house, kept the door deadlocked and forbid the women from leaving the house together. He was also accused of forcing them to sexually touch each other.

Crown prosecutor Brett Hatfield told the court that the man forged relationships with young women over time and intended to "frighten such females and to render them powerless" so he could control and dominate them as he pleased.

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