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Press Release

Supreme Court dismissing the request by lawyer of human trafficking victims to have the case transferred to the jurisdiction of the Criminal Court's Trafficking in Persons Division

On 19 May 2016, the Provincial Court of Trang was supposed to have prosecution witness examination in the case no. KM 1/2559 in which Mrs. Somjit or Mesaw Srisawang and others, altogether 11, were indicted in the trafficking in persons offences and the violation of the Penal Code. Prior to taking the evidence, the attorney of the 15 trafficking survivors and co-plaintiff in this case had filed a motion with the Court asking for the transfer of the case to the jurisdiction of the Criminal Court's Trafficking in Persons Division. The Court accepted it and passed it on to the Supreme Court for review per Section 26 of the Criminal Procedure Code (for more information, please read <http://hrdfoundation.org/?p=1584>)

On 28 June 2016, the Provincial Court of Trang read the verdict of the Supreme Court regarding the motion about which the Supreme Court deemed that based on the motion filed by the co-plaintiff in this case, it was not sufficient to convince the Court that there would be any obstruction to justice or any unrest or other harmful incidences which affect the interest of justice as prescribed for in Section 26 of the Criminal Procedure Code. The Supreme Court thus disallowed the transfer of the case from the Provincial Court of Trang to the jurisdiction of the Criminal Court's Trafficking in Persons Division and dismissed the motion filed by the co-plaintiff.

The order of the Supreme Court is final and the Provincial Court of Trans shall proceed with the trial of the case and the next witness examination shall take place on 26 – 29 July 2016

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