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Thank you Steve a very good outcome.

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From: Chapman, Stephen (EPS - CSD)

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Subject: Slavery Case Cardiff Crown Court - 'Operation Imperial'

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Four men have been convicted today at Cardiff Crown Court as part of the Gwent Police investigation 'Operation Imperial':

- **Patrick Joseph Conners 59 years – 14 years imprisonment**

Guilty of requiring another person to perform forced or compulsory labour between 2010 and 2013, eight counts of Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm, four counts of kidnap and one of conspiracy to kidnap

- **Patrick Dean Conners 39 years – 6 ½ years imprisonment**

Guilty of requiring another person to perform forced or compulsory labour between 2010 and 2013 and kidnap, not guilty of conspiracy to kidnap

- **William Conners 36 years – 4 years imprisonment**

Guilty of requiring another person to perform forced or compulsory labour between 2010 and 2013, not guilty of assault

- **Lee Cabris 34 years – 2 ½ years imprisonment**

Guilty of kidnap, not guilty of requiring another person to perform forced or compulsory labour between 2010 and 2013

The offences relate to two male victims over a period of 26 years and six years.

Detective Chief Superintendent Paul Griffiths, the Senior Investigating Officer, said "These types of crime having a lasting effect on the victims – it is not just the physical degradation, it's psychological too. It causes deep and long-lasting trauma.2

Catrin Evans Head of the Complex Case Unit, Crown Prosecution Service

Cymru/Wales said “The men were guilty of exploiting and controlling their vulnerable victim in a callous manner over a prolonged period of time.”

Michael Hughes, 46 years one of the victims said “I am over the moon at today’s verdict. Both myself and my family can now move on and I am so happy to have my life back – a life that I never knew existed. Those people stole my life but the outcome of today’s trial means that they will now face the justice that they deserve.”

Stephen Chapman

Anti-Slavery Co-ordinator

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