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Todros Grynhaus found guilty of sexual assault

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A Jewish teacher turned businessman is facing a "substantial" jail sentence after being found guilty of seven sex abuse charges on Tuesday.



Todros Grynhaus was convicted on all seven charges

Todros Grynhaus, 50, was convicted of five counts of indecent assault and two counts of sexual assault against the girls when they were aged around 14 and 15.

Grynhaus, a prominent member of the Charedi community in Salford, was accused of a course of conduct against the two alleged victims over a number of years which involved touching them inappropriately and forcing himself on them.

He denied the allegations, saying he was the victim of a "revenge plot" and that the girls, now adult women, were lying.

But he was convicted after a two-week trial at Manchester Crown Court.

Wearing glasses and dressed in a black suit with open-collar white shirt, Grynhaus showed no emotion as he was unanimously found guilty of three charges of indecent assault, and of the four other charges by a majority verdict of 10-2.

The verdicts were returned after 10 hours deliberation.

They came after a previous trial in February ended with the jury failing to come to a decision and a retrial ordered.

The judge Mr Justice Timothy Holroyde told Grynhaus: "The nature of the offences involved a high degree of manipulative behaviour coupled with a refusal to acknowledge any wrongdoing whatsoever. While I appreciate many years have passed I am not minded to say here and now that no finding of dangerousness should be made.

"You have been convicted of these serious offences. A substantial prison sentence is inevitable but before deciding the appropriate sentence I will welcome the assistance of a probation report."

The judge thanked the jury. "It has, I am sure, been a difficult exercise for you. I must find out if he is a danger to the public in the future even though we have learnt a great deal about him in the course of this trial."

Sentencing is expected in four weeks.

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