

Ex-prostitute who ran brothel out of Cambridge flat ordered to pay £400K

Sun Sun Wong organised prostitution services from a Cambridge flat

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Sun Sun Wong, 45, of Blucher Street, Birmingham. Pictured outside Cambridge Crown Court in 2018 (Image: Keith Jones)

An ex-prostitute who ran a national network of brothels - including one in Cambridge - has been ordered to pay more than £400,000.

Sun Sun Wong, 45, originally from Malaysia, illegally sublet a flat in Midsummer Court on Manhattan Drive, Cambridge to use as a brothel.

In 2018, the business management graduate was sentenced to five years in prison for controlling prostitution for gain and converting criminal property, and of acting as a 'madam' to a network of prostitutes spread across the country.

She has now been ordered to repay her "ill-gotten gains" of £442,000 which she earned from her criminal activities. Wong was ordered at Peterborough Crown Court yesterday (October 21) to pay the sum within three months.

The order comes after specialist police financial investigators from the Eastern Region Special Operations Unit (ERSOU) undertook an investigation into the illicit profit Wong had made from her crimes.

Cambridge Crown Court heard in February 2018 how Wong - a naturalised UK citizen - worked variously as a waitress, masseuse and for more than two years as a prostitute after she first moved to England.

The court heard she later set up brothels in London, Guildford, Birmingham, Manchester and Edinburgh, as well as the Cambridge flat.

An undercover police operation

Undercover officers posing as potential clients contacted women on various adult sites as part of an operation to safeguard vulnerable prostitutes.

In October 2015, January 2016 and February 2016 they arranged to meet with two women and were given an address in Midsummer Court, Cambridge. Each time they were greeted by lone women who didn't have the mobile phone used to make the appointment.

In February 2016 they also met a woman in Blucher Street, Birmingham.

Investigations revealed that the properties they were using was being rented out by Wong and her mobile phone number was linked to the accounts set up in the names of various prostitutes working in Cambridge and Birmingham.

Further work revealed more than £400,000 had been paid into her various bank accounts over a two-year period. Payments of between £1,500 and £2,500 were often deposited weekly.



Sun Sun Wong was caught after an undercover police operation

Throughout the trial Wong, of Blucher Street, Birmingham, denied any involvement and claimed that a woman named Anita had used her identity to carry out the crimes, but was never able to provide further details to police.

‘Crime doesn’t pay’

Detective Constable Andrew McKeane, who investigated, said: “This POCA hearing today demonstrates that crime doesn’t pay. It has ensured that Wong will be stripped of the profit she made from her crimes, and is a fitting conclusion to the appalling offences she has committed.

“This type of crime affects all walks of life but especially the vulnerable, who turn to the sex industry in their lowest moments.

“If you are being exploited in any way then I urge you to contact us or Crimestoppers so we can help you turn your life around.”

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