

# Bail granted over 'failed brothel kidnap'

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A security guard accused of arranging the kidnap of the manager of an inner Sydney brothel has been released on bail.

Police say 42-year-old Graham George Edwards got into an argument with a 47-year-old man at a brothel on Shelley Street about 6:30pm (AEDT) on Tuesday.

It is alleged Edwards called three other men to the building, who arrived armed with guns.

They demanded money from the victim before pulling him into a taxi.

Police say the taxi stopped at Bathurst Street and after a scuffle, the victim escaped and told police.

They say it drove off with the two armed men.

Edwards' lawyer, Philip Bolton, applied for bail at Central Local Court today.

The prosecution asked the magistrate to keep Edwards behind bars, saying police had a torn jumper as evidence of the struggle.

But Mr Bolton said his client had confronted the brothel's manager when he discovered he was defrauding the business.

Magistrate Alan Moore said it was a case of one person's word against another's unless the cab driver comes forward.

He granted the bail and ordered the accused to surrender his guns.

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