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Swedes prosecute 'sex tourist,' 69

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STOCKHOLM, Sweden — In a rare case, a Swedish man is being tried by a Stockholm court on charges he had sex with a 14-year-old boy while visiting Thailand.

The trial of the Swede, whose identity is being withheld, comes as human rights activists are campaigning to curb sexual abuse of minors by Western tourists in Thailand and other Asian countries.

The defendant, a 69-year-old retired civil servant who has been dubbed the "Sex Tourist" by Swedish media, faces up to six years in prison. He has denied any crime, telling the court he wanted only to talk to the boy and have dinner with him.

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