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The Chicago Mercantile Exchange fined and suspended two commodities traders accused of making prearranged trades with each other that allegedly cheated a customer .

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Merc officials said Gary N. Roberts was disciplined following the exchange 's investigation of his trading in several commodities pits from July to November 1988 .

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The Merc said Mr. Roberts withheld from the market certain orders in cooperation with another trader , David Stein .

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The Merc fined Mr. Roberts \$ 15,000 and suspended his trading membership for three years .

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Also , he and Mr. Stein were ordered to make restitution of \$ 35,000 to a customer .

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Mr. Stein was fined \$ 25,000 and suspended for three years .

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Messrs. Roberts and Stein could n't be reached for comment .

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The Merc said that as part of the disciplinary settlement , neither man admitted , nor denied the alleged violations .

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Neither was among the 46 traders indicted last August in a federal investigation of traders at both the Merc and the Chicago Board of Trade .