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Scientologists issue writ

From Our Correspondent

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The scientologists have issued a writ against a senior Sussex police officer and another against Mr. Peter Hordern, M.P. for Horsham.

Mr. David Gaiman, aged 35, chief spokesman at the scientologists' international headquarters at East Grinstead, Sussex, said today: "The writs have been issued but not yet served.

"One is against Chief-inspector Robert Marshall, of the East Grinstead police division, for unlawful imprisonment of Evert Doeve, aged 42, a Dutch citizen. Mr. Doeve, a minister in the Church of Scientology, spent some three hours under arrest after he was told by East Grinstead Magistrates to leave the country within seven days last month.

"We appealed and three judges in the Divisional Court ruled that the magistrates had overstepped their powers. The writ against Mr. Hordern is for libel."