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Five year ban for defendant

THE MAN accused of entering Scientology European headquarters in Denmark and removing valuable documents has been banned from visiting the country for five years and given a three month suspended prison sentence.

Robin Scott, of Aberdeen, was also jailed for a month but was released following the court case because of the amount of time he had spent in custody.

Scott, who pleaded guilty to entering the premises without authority and removing material regarded as highly confidential by the sect, told the Danish court that he had not committed the offence for financial gain.

He said he only wanted to make the scriptures available to people who genuinely wanted to use them, as he believed counselling courses were too expensive.

The case follows the announcement of a £120,000 reward for information leading to the recovery of the documents by East Grinstead-based Scientology press officer Mike Garside recently.

Speaking from the sect's UK base at Saint Hill, he said: "Anyone who comes forward to offer evidence about other people involved in the removal of material will be treated leniently if they are involved," he said.