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GIRL RESCUED FROM CULT

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A RELIGIOUS cult member was persuaded to rejoin her family during a dramatic secret meeting in Exmouth, the Express & Echo can reveal.

The daring rescue bid was set up after the family consulted expert opponents of the Church of Scientology, which has been accused of employing brainwashing techniques to win over some of its followers.

Now the girl, a science graduate, is safe at a secret address, thought to be in the north of the country, after the successful reunion which is believed to have taken place at an Exmouth guest house.

The town was chosen for the secret rendezvous to avoid interference from church followers who were believed to be shadowing cult expert Jon Caven-Atack. Church agents suspected that a meeting with one of their members was due to take place.

Mr Caven-Atack was contacted by the parents of the girl when they said she began to regard everyone outside the church as an enemy.

Before the rendezvous took place Exmouth police were contacted by someone, believed to be a Scientologist, warning them that some kidnappers were in town who were about to snatch a minor.

A police spokesman confirmed that they were contacted.

"We confirm that enquiries were made and no offences were disclosed," he said.

The meeting took place and after three days the family were reunited when the girl began to question Scientology.

The girl was lured to the address a week ago to see her family who told her they wanted to talk about Scientology.

The girl was said to be 100 per cent committed to the cult.

"The girl had parted with thousands of pounds," he said.

He explained that it was possible that Scientologists were now active within the Exmouth area.