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Man Freed From 'Crazy Mormon Cult'

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Andrew Callahan, known to friends and supporters on the Internet by the screen name "Flat Lander," was freed from the chains that kept him in a dank and dark dungeon since early October. Law enforcement officers from three states raided the compound of the Moron Church of Latter-day Saints two nights ago. Callahan and other captives were taken to hospitals to be checked out, where all were treated and released.

Supervising Special Agent Jayne Flackle declined to answer any questions from the media but did release a statement in which she indicated that there were no injuries in the raid and no weapons were found. "They don't appear to be dangerous," she said, "they're just a crazy Mormon cult with a lot of wacko beliefs and practices." The statement went on to indicate that most of the leadership of the Moron Church is undergoing psychiatric evaluation with the likely result that they'll all end up institutionalized in one way or another.

It is not known exactly how many people other than Callahan were being held in chains at the compound. Callahan was not immediately available for comment, but members of his family indicated he would release a statement on the Moron Church's website in the near future.

The beliefs of the Moron Church of Latter-day Saints are virtually indistinguishable from those of the more well known Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (COJCOLDS), except apparently the Morons apparently rejected the COJCOLDS method of coercing member loyalty through guilt and intimidation, in favor of using actual chains, the Morons felt this was ethically more acceptable. Both churches claim they are the one true church originally founded by Joseph Smith after visitations from angels and other heavenly messengers.



Andrew "Flat Lander" Callahan shown in front of his house last year after receiving a bouquet of flowers from the LDS Safe Space Coalition for his work in promoting equality in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Ironically, because of his captivity in the Moron Church of Latter-day Saints this year, Callahan was unable to keep up his mortgage payments and has now been evicted from his home. The Hastings Times is accepting donations on behalf of Callahan and his family. Donations may be mailed to The Hastings Times, PO Box 1361, Hastings, NE, 68902. (Hastings Times File photo by T. Spider.)