

Victim Escapes from 120-Day Confinement

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Ms. N.I.(34), confined in an apartment for 120 days for forcible conversion, miraculously managed to escape from a private prison by herself.

A website titled "Religious Kidnapping & Forced Conversion" published a post on May 11, 2012 that Ms.N.I. escaped from a 120-day confinement. This is a translation of the reports by Yoshi Fugiwara.

Ms N.I. (34 years old, a private-company employee) went missing on Jan 3, 2012 after visiting her parents. Ms N.I. had heard lectures on the Divine Principle in 1998 when she was a university student in Tokyo and joined the Unification Church. She informed her family of her faith. She planned to attend the Unification Church Wedding Ceremony to be held in March 2012. She belonged to Adachi Church in Tokyo when she went missing.



Ms N.I. took these with her in escaping.



Without unlocking the lock and removing the cylinder, the door can never be turned.

Around 11:00 a.m. on May 2, 2012, she managed to escape by herself from the private prison in Mitocity, Ibaraki (70 km Northeast from Tokyo).

Ms. Kyouko KAWASAKI (*1), who is a director of NPO "Home of Life," was involved in the "family discussion session" in the 121-day confinement. Also, a person who claimed to be a Christian counselor visited the confinement site to provide mental care for Ms. N.I.'s parents, and the person knew and accepted Ms. N.I.'s confinement.

According to Ms. N.I., she was persuaded to do the following:

- Explain the Divine Principle to her family members;
- Give up attending the Church Wedding Ceremony in Korea;
- Reconsider her life after leaving the church;
- Listen to ex-members and specialists;
- Study other religions
- Read materials which criticize the Unification Church.

While she complied with the above demands, she kept her faith. However, she felt like she had reached the limit in the endless confinement. Also, she says her family members became psychologically unstable.

One day, N.I. miraculously found out the combination of the numbers to unlock the lock which was installed on the front door. She was determined to escape and waited for an opportunity. Then the chance arrived, and she carried out her plan.

The pictures here are those of the lock actually fitted at the door of the confinement site. She brought them with her when she escaped.

Information sources:

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Notes by Yoshi;

*1. Kyouko KAWASAKI - She is a Christian minister who is actively involved in deprogramming in Japan. Kyouko Kawasaki related to Yukari's confinement in my previous article.