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# Escaped Neo-Nazi still hiding in Hastings

**A NEO-NAZI thought to be hiding in Hastings after fleeing Germany when he was sentenced to 14 months in jail was still being hunted this week.**

Germar Rudolf escaped his native country in 1996 and headed for England.

The Observer broke the story in October last year when we revealed he had been distributing racist propaganda from an address in Hastings.

Rudolf absconded from his home in Stuttgart after being found guilty of denying the holocaust had happened. He was sentenced to 14 months in prison for falling foul of the unique German law which makes denial of the holocaust a criminal offence, introduced to stop anti-semitism.

Rudolf, a father of two in his mid-30s, is thought to have stayed in various places in Sussex and Kent before heading for Hastings. He has published propaganda from a Hastings postal box number casting doubt on the fact that millions of Jews were killed in world war two Nazi gas chambers. He is now thought to be living in the town and running an internet site containing more propaganda.

TV news on Wednesday showed

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Rudolf and a house in Hastings from where he is said to be working.

Several Jewish groups in Britain have been calling for Rudolf's arrest in response to German calls for him to be extradited.

Extradition may be difficult because, although Rudolf is still under an arrest warrant in Germany, denial of the holocaust is not illegal in any other country. Extradition is usually only possible when an offence is a crime in both countries.

## Concern

Hastings MP Michael Foster spoke this week of his concern at Rudolf's activities in the town.

Mr Foster said: "In a country that believes in its freedoms, it means freedom for people like that as well. But if people break the race relations act they should be prosecuted.

"It's not the sort of thing we want to encourage in the town, particularly in view of the situation with refugees. Old people will remember how Oswald Mosley and his crew built up resentment in London before the war.