Rapist Strikes Again,
14th Time In 15 Months

The so-called east area rapist attacked and raped a young woman resident of the Madison Avenue-Sunrise Boulevard area early today in the 14th assault attributed to the man in the last 15 months.

"It was exactly the same as all the rest," said a sheriff's detective.

Officers said the rapist gained the entrance to the 25-year-old woman's home shortly after midnight, bound her with rope and raped her "several times."

The woman told officers she was asleep when the man entered her home, apparently through an unlocked door. Because it was dark, she was not able to provide a full description of her attacker.

However, she did say he threatened her with an icepick. She also said he wore gloves — as the suspect has in most of the other attacks in the east area of the county and city dating back to October 1975.

Officers said the victim is separated from her husband and was home alone. In the other attacks, the rapist always has struck when the women, most of them married, were alone in the early morning hours.

It was second attack by the man within a week. Last Wednesday morning a rapist forced his way into the home of a pregnant woman in the Glenbrook area of the city, near U.S. 50 and Watt Avenue and attacked her.

The other attacks were in the residential areas adjacent to the city in Del Dayo, Carmichael and Rancho Cordova.

Sheriff's officials have assigned six detectives to the investigation full-time. City police have three detectives working full-time on the case.

Following the assault in the city last week, police and sheriff's detectives met to coordinate the search.

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always has struck between 11 p.m.
and 6:45 a.m. Detectives say there
are indications some of the victims'
homes were watched before the at-
tacks.

In most cases, the man has entered
the houses through unlocked win-
dows. He usually blindfolds and ties
up his victims, making it difficult to
get a good description. In some of the
attacks he has worn a ski mask.