Police Certain East Area Rapist Struck In Stockton

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STOCKTON—Police here are certain a sexual assault on a 27-year-old North Stockton housewife was committed by Sacramento's notorious east area rapist.

"We tried to convince ourselves it was somebody else, but there's just no way to do it. It's him," said Stockton Police Sgt. Andrew E. Jackson Tuesday, after an extensive conference with four detectives from Sacramento.

Sgt. Jackson said the method of operation employed in the Stockton rape early Tuesday was "identical" to that attributed to the east area rapist and added that details of the sexual assault itself "leave absolutely no doubt" that it was the same man who has assaulted 22 to 24 women in Sacramento County.

Sacramento authorities were noncommittal.

Sheriff's spokesman Bill Miller confirmed that two detectives from his department were dispatched to Stockton but refused to discuss the outcome.

Acting Chief of Police Jerry Finney acknowledged that two city detectives went to Stockton Tuesday to investigate a rape "similar" to those in Sacramento but said he would not comment on a crime committed in another jurisdiction.

Sgt. Jackson said the woman and her husband, asleep in their upper.

Brown Aides Get Pay Boost Of $35, Plus 5%

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Brown, Gov. Brown, who is shunning any pay raise for himself, gave his cabinet and administration appointees an egalitarian $35 per month across the board plus 5 percent, it has been learned.

The administration made no announcement of the pay increases but furnished the information readily upon request.

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Case

Of Foy Bryant And His Cemetery Loan

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Foy Eldeen Bryant of Fair Oaks is a 64-year-old native of Elmer, Okla. He is big (230 pounds on a 6'4" frame), rawboned and red-faced, with a crew hair cut. He variously projects strong emotion, quiet sincerity, devotion to his country and a highly developed talent for persuasion - a talent that may be put to the test later in this fall in a Chicago courtroom.

Bryant migrated to California in 1935, the depths of the Depression. Over the 20 years that followed he tried - his hand as an oil field roughneck, truck driver, tree surgeon, steel burner and Church of

a family through its times of greatest trial," he said in a recent interview.

He chose 121 acres northeast of Fair Oaks Boulevard and Greenback Lane as the site, decided to name it after George Washington's historic Virginia plantation "because I love my country," and set out to find financing. That was in 1962.

The 15-year odyssey of Bryant and Mount Vernon Memorial Park will culminate this fall in a Chicago federal court, where a former Teamsters pension fund official is on trial for taking a bribe from Bryant in return for a loan from the fund.

Alvin Baron, an attorney and for-

Both sides in the case agree that a big factor at the trial will be how Bryant comes across in the role of the government's star witness.

The loan, approved by the Chicago-based fund's trustees on Dec. 12, 1974, was actually to Mount Vernon, the cemetery-mortuary complex, on Greenback Lane just east of Sunrise Mall.

Behind the austere technical language of the Baron indictment, however, is a story of greed, corruption and jealousy dating back to Mount Vernon's planning stage.

The Bee, in a year-long inquiry, has pieced that story together. From a review-of-documents in the files of

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middle class Lincoln Village West home, were awakened at about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday by an intruder who had entered through a sliding glass door separating the master bedroom from the pool area in the backyard.

The man, described as 5-foot-9 to 5-foot-11 and wearing a ski-type mask, blinded the couple with a light and threatened them with two weapons, a harpoon and a knife, Jackson said.

The husband was forced to lie face down and his wife ordered to tie his hands behind his back. The rapist then placed a cup and saucer on the man's back and told the husband that if the dishes fell, the woman would be killed.

The woman then was taken into the living room, where she was raped twice during the hour and a half the intruder was in the house.

Jackson said the rapist rummaged through the house and took some jewelry and five silver dollars before leaving.

Police were told that while the rapist was in the house one of the couple's two children, aged 5 and 6, got out of bed to go to the bathroom but returned to bed without becoming aware of the incident.

The assailant wore gloves, Sgt. Jackson said, and even his attitude was identical to that of the east area rapist.

The last reported attack by the rapist in Sacramento occurred May 28 in the south area of the county. In the assault, which occurred on Oct. 29, but sheriff's investigators say it was the 22nd rape by the man. Two earlier rapes attributed to the "inadequately endowed" sexual psychopath were not committed by the same man, deputies said.

Regardless of the number, the east area rapist has terrorized Sacramento and environs since the attacks were first publicized last year.

Until the attack of May 28, all the rapes had occurred in Sacramento's east area. And during the assault of May 17 in a Del Rio home, the rapist threatened to kill two persons during his next attack.

Stockton Police Chief Julio Cecetti has assigned three detective sergeants, two patrolmen and one policewoman to work on the case full time, Sgt. Jackson said.

They want to find out if the rapist has moved to Stockton if it he is just commuting from Sacramento some 40 miles to the north.

Rapist

Washington social figure is "now a fugitive from American justice and we would hope he would appear," Bell told a news conference. "We're ready to go to trial immediately."

Park disappeared from Washington when the congressional scandal began developing. He arrived in Seoul about a week ago after spending the past year in London.

Park, whose Georgetown parties were the talk of the Washington social set, was the pivotal figure in a conspiracy from about 1967 to Dec.