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East Area Rapist Attacks Girl, 13

The East Area rapist broke into a Sacramento condominium early today, raping a 13-year-old girl after he awakened and tied up her mother.

The 27th attack in 17 months occurred on La Riviera Drive near Watt Avenue in the College Greens section of the city about 3 a.m., said sheriff's Chief Deputy Fred Reese.

The rapist spent about two hours in the home, raping the girl, then fondling her as she sat tied in a chair.

He entered the condominium by forcing open a sliding glass door, Reese said.

Once inside, the rapist awakened the mother, tied her in her bed, placed china on her back and said if he heard the dishes rattle, he would cut off a daughter's fingers, police said. The rapist then left the home, the girl and the woman screamed until neighbors heard them. A neighbor then followed the screams into the home and untied the two victims. She was the youngest victim in the terrifying series of attacks, police said. In his last 10 rapes, he has victimized sleeping couples in cases where he has tied the men in bed, then led the women to other parts of the homes for sexual assaults.

The East Area rapist last struck Oct. 29 north of Whitney Avenue.

After this morning's attack was reported about 5 a.m., sheriff's deputies took into custody a possible suspect in an El Camino Avenue restaurant. The man was questioned, taken to the scene of the rape and held in custody about two hours before he was released.

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Bitter Memories
Of The ‘Big One’

A few weeks after his picture was taken in 1918, soldier Irving Klein was fighting in the famous ‘Lost Battalion.’ The "dean of California veterans," who will be honored tomorrow at Yountville, recalls the living hell that preceded the Armistice of 1918.

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U.S. plan appears to be the reason behind Sadat's decision to withdraw from the PLO's recognition of the Geneva conference. (Tel Aviv, Prime Minister Menachem Begin welcomed Sadat's speech.)

The American proposal, sources said, offers for the United States and Soviet Union co-chairmen of the Geneva conference, to issue invitations to the countries concerned, specifying that the Arab side be represented by a unified delegation that would include Palestinians.

It would not mention the Palestine Liberation Organization and the understanding is no questions would be raised about the credentials of the Palestinian component of the Arab delegation, sources said.

This would make it possible for the PLO's chairman, Yasser Arafat, to include a representative along with a delegate from the occupied West Bank or not directly affiliated with the PLO. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat sat in front row listening to Sadat's speech and it was not known if Arafat's presence meant an endorsement of Egypt's policy.

Rapist

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A description of a suspicious car that had been spotted in the area at the time of the rape. The car was described as a 1966 blue Corvette with Arizona license plates. The car has struck 35 times in the East and North Areas of Sacramento County, once in the South Area and twice in Stockton since his first rape was reported June 18, 1978.

He has been the subject of the most intensive manhunt in the county's history, police have said. Detectives have checked out in one fashion several persons of interest. They have no idea of whom they are looking for or what kind of man he really is, detectives say.

The rapist was described in the spring as a man in a homosexual panic caused by feelings of sexual inadequacy attributed to having a small penis. After talking to several more victims, however, sheriff's deputies Tuesday revised the sexual description of the rapist to say he has an average size penis, neither normal nor small nor large.

His strikes are punctuated by silence in what sheriff's Detective Carol Daly has described as "mental torture" on the victims, not just physical attacks.

"His big thing is being master over their minds once he gets them tied up," she said. "That's his big trip."