Good Morning

New danger in smog

Teen-age boys scare of rapist

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Teen-agers scare off rape suspect

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posting as the east area rapist exists.

The sequence of events changed after the attacker forced the woman out of her bedroom and into another room where he kept her up.

"From this point on there was a lot of missing m.o. factors," Miller said.

But he listed the chance that Friday's attack was that of a copy cat, as "very

good."

He said the attacker "became very, very nervous" when the loud voices of

the teen-agers continued without passing.

Once the victim was sure the attacker had left, she was able to reach a tele-

phone which she knocked over and called a family friend for help.

"The victim couldn't get in the front
door and finally went around to the back

where he came in through a sliding glass
door," Miller said.

The victim made her call around 2

a.m., Miller said, and the sheriff's

office notified the police at 2:40, giving the

dispatcher ample time to vanish.

The combination of the distractions

outside the house and "a lot of crying"

by the victim probably led to a premature
departure, Miller said.

"He's never had anything like this

before, like a threat, from the outside," Miller said. "It was a significant period

of time."

Once described as a man battling a

"homosexual panic," the rapist has

perplexed law enforcement's attempts to

track him. The last attack was Nov. 10, when a 13-year-old was raped.

The rapist, however, has never physically harmed his victims or their spouses

with his weapons, sheriff's deputies report.

His threats and treatment of his victim

when he ties them up and rapes them is frightening enough, Miller said.

"Mentally, it's a very traumatic experi-

ence," he said.

Friday's attack marks the second time

the Foothill Farms area has been the site

of the area rapist's attacks. The first

assault came Oct. 21.

After that rape, more than 900 resi-
dents of the area jammed a local junior

high school to listen to sheriff's officials
tell them what is being done to corral the

attacker.

Miller said interviews with possible

suspects have become a "continual

process" and said as many new names

fill the vacancies as left by suspects the

sheriff's investigators have discounted.