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# East Rapist Assaults Teen Sisters

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The ski-masked man who smashed through the front door of a home near American River College and raped two teen-aged sisters was the East Area rapist, Sacramento County sheriff's deputies have concluded.

Investigators thoroughly reviewed the words and the tones the attacker used before concluding it was the same man, sheriff's spokesman Bill Miller said.

The rapist, who now has victimized 29 women and girls in Sacramento County and one in Stockton in the past 20 months, had never forced his way through a front door until the attack on the two sisters late Saturday night, Miller noted.

That method of entry and a few other variations from the rapist's usual pattern, which Miller refused to detail publicly, delayed the detectives' attribution of the latest sexual assaults, Miller said. It was the rapist's first known attack in more than eight weeks.

The attack occurred about 10:15 p.m. Saturday when the rapist kicked open the front door of a home on Winding Way east of Walnut Avenue, deputies said.

He made so much noise entering the house that the disturbance awakened one of the sleeping girls, Miller said.

The victims, in their early teens, share a bedroom and were home alone while their parents were out for the evening, Miller said.

The rapist, who carried a gun, what appeared to be a knife and a flashlight, overtook the sisters in their bedroom, tied them up and raped

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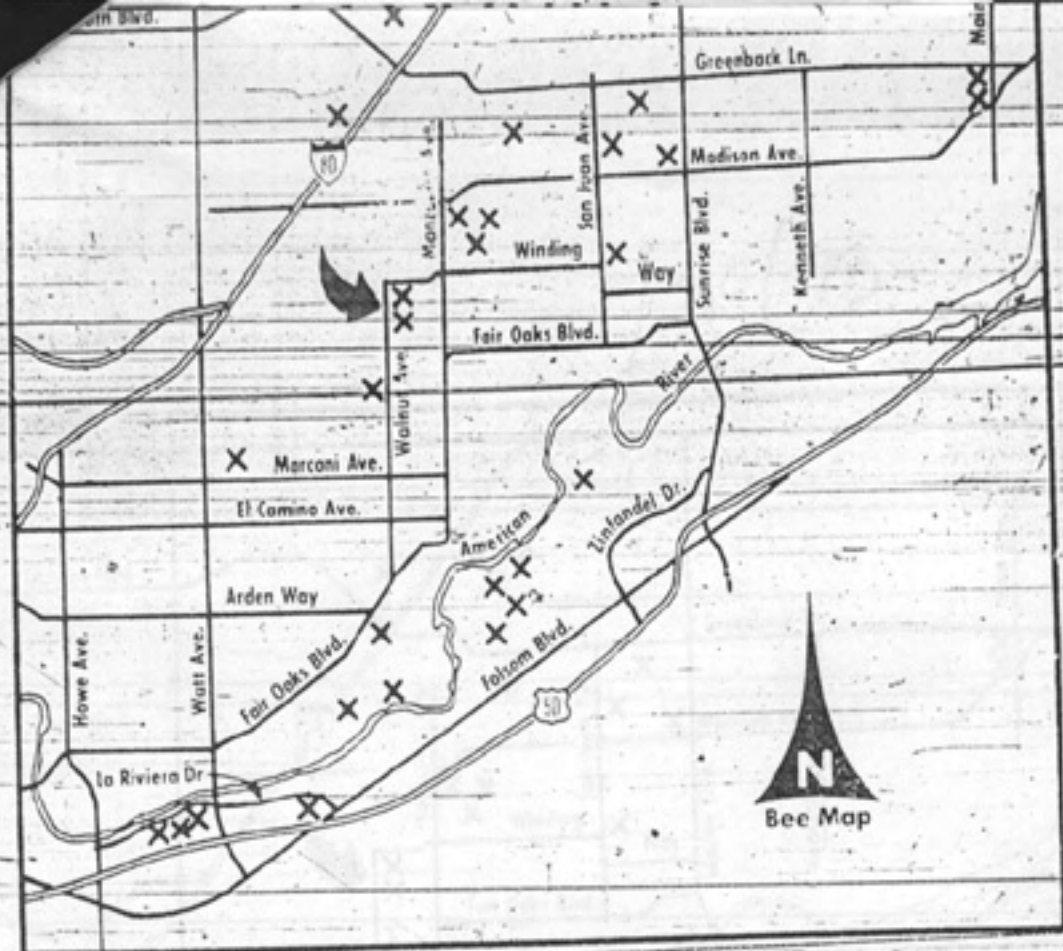
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When the victims' parents returned about 11:30 p.m., the rapist was gone, but the girls still were tied in their room, Miller said.

The rapist may have been scared away by the return of the parents, Miller said. If the attacker left earlier on his own, it was the shortest period he stayed in a home he has terrorized, Miller said.

As usual, the rapist's victims were unaware of exactly when the attacker left. Nor could they see the rapist well enough to provide a description, Miller said.

Detectives theorize the rapist knew the girls were home alone, Miller said. Otherwise, they doubt he would have brazenly — and noisily — kicked in the front door, Miller said.

"It doesn't seem logical he would do something like that if he didn't have prior knowledge, but we can only speculate he knew the girls were in there alone," Miller said.

The rapist has once before attacked a teen-ager. Victim number 27, who was sexually molested but not raped, was a 13-year-old girl home with her mother when the rapist broke in, deputies said.

The East Area rapist has 10 times attacked married couples, each time tying the husband in bed and leading the wife to another part of the house to attack her.

He has entered his victims' homes most often through sliding glass doors, but he has opened at least one solid door and windows in some cases, deputies said.

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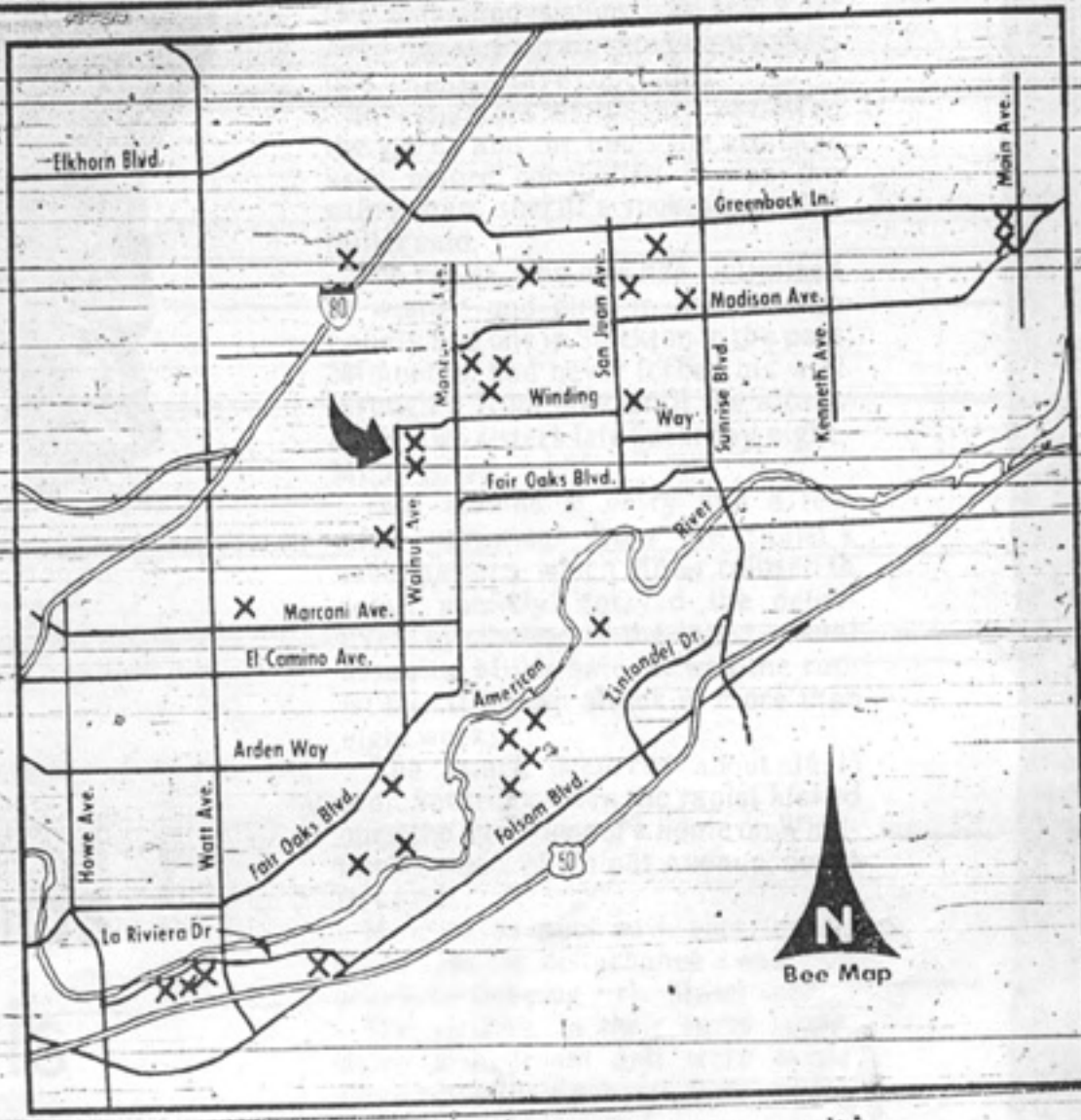
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