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East Rapist Kicks In Door, Attacks Sitter In South Area

The east area rapist is believed to have struck again — this time, his 33rd, in the South Area within the city limits.

The attack took place about 10 Friday night in the general vicinity of Seamas and Riverside Avenues and the victim was a 15-year-old babysitter.

According to sheriff's spokesman Bill Miller, she was looking after an 8-year-old when the rapist kicked in a rear door, attacked the girl once inside the house, then took her into the back yard and raped her again.

The second attack was interrupted, according to Miller, when the girl's parents arrived at the house to check on her safety. The man fled, Miller said, when they drove up.

Miller said the 8-year-old was in a bedroom all the time and never saw the rapist.

The victim herself, Miller said, was so shaken by the incident that she was unable to give a very good description of her assailant; but there were several M.O. (method of operation) fac-

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Bazzouriyeh, northeast of Tyre, sparking a 20-minute artillery and machine-gun duel.

French U.N. peacekeeping troops, personally supervised by their commander, Col. Jean Salván, moved into

Rapists similar to those of the east area rapist.

Miller said the rapist wore gloves and had his head covered "but the girl was unable to give us a good description of his ski mask." She thought he carried a gun, Miller said, but wasn't sure.

The east area rapist got that name because most of his 32 confirmed victims live in the vicinity of Carmichael, Fair Oaks, and Rancho Cordova. Before Friday, his last attack was on March 28 in Rancho Cordova. He has also struck twice in Stockton.

If this proves to be the same suspect, Miller said, it will be the first time he is known to have surfaced in the Riverside-South Land Park neighborhood.

According to Miller, the girl's parents arrived frightened off by the rapist because the people who had hired the teen-ager had not been able to contact her by phone.

The mother of the 8-year-old, Miller said, called the girl's house when she failed to get an answer, thinking the sitter, who lived nearby, had gone home.

The girl's parents subsequently tried to call, Miller said, only to have her answer "Hello" and immediately hang up.

The worried parents hurried to where their daughter was, arriving about 10:30 p.m., Miller said. "That's how we know the attacker was on the premises for only about a half-hour," Miller said.

The girl told officers that the rapist allowed her to answer when her parents phoned, then made her hang up immediately. It was then, according to the girl, that she was ordered into the back yard and again sexually assaulted.

The teen-ager was interrogated Friday night and again Saturday in the hopes that time would allow her to give officers a better description of her attacker.