Good Morning

Area rapist strikes in Concord

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CONCORD — Police suspect Sacramento’s notorious “East Area” rapist assaulted a woman in her home in this East Bay suburb, some 60 miles from the state capital.

The victim's husband and eight-year-old daughter were bound and gagged during the rape Friday.

It was the second attack in this well-to-do community in a week, police said. The first assault was a combined rape-burglary reported last Saturday night. Friday the victim’s home was ransacked but no burglary was reported.

The East Area rapist usually makes his entry through sliding glass doors or windows and is usually armed with a handgun or knife. In cases where children or a husband are present, he binds and gags them and locks them in a closet.

Police say he is a white man in his mid-20s or early 30s, about 150 pounds with light colored hair.

Authorities blame him for 39 assaults in Sacramento, Stockton, Davis and Modesto since 1975.

Kenton’s son out on bail in ‘snake’ plot

LOS ANGELES — The son of bandleader Stan Kenton was released on $25,000 bail Friday night after being booked earlier with another member of the Synanon Foundation for investigation of trying to murder a lawyer by stuffing a rattlesnake in his mailbox.

Lance Kenton, 20, was freed after his $50,000 bail was reduced by Superior Court Judge Sam Bubrick. The judge ordered Kenton to appear for arraignment next Friday in Municipal Court.

Before he was released, Kenton was directed by Municipal Court Judge Gabriel Gutierrez to appear in a jail line-up.

The other man, Joseph Musico, 28, remained in jail under $50,000 bail.

Kenton and Musico were arrested in the investigation of assault with intent to commit murder in the attack on attorney Paul Morantz. Morantz recently won a $300,000 judgment against the Synanon group, a drug rehabilitation organization.

2 Soviets convicted of spying in U.S.

NEWARK, N.J. — Two Soviet citizens employed by the United Nations were convicted Friday of buying American defense secrets from a U.S. Navy officer who posed as a traitor.