East Side Rapist Attacks 13-Year-Old

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WALNUT CREEK — The East Area Rapist attacked a 13-year-old girl in her home while her sister and parents slept in nearby rooms, police said Monday.

It is believed to be the 44th time the rapist has assaulted women and girls since he began his spree June 16, 1976. A special task force of law officers in Contra Costa County believes he is responsible for eight or 10 assaults in the county during the past eight months, the last one on June 12.

The latest victim, whose identity was withheld, was assaulted in her bedroom by a man who tied her up and threatened her with a knife during the assault, police said.

Police said the girl woke her parents up after the attack. Police units conducted a massive search of the neighborhood but did not find a suspect.

The rapist is described as a fair-completed man, about 6 feet tall, weighing 185 pounds. He was dressed in shorts, a t-shirt, and wore a mask.

The assailant previously has raped in Sacramento, Davis, Stockton, Modesto, Concord, San Ramon and Danville. His first 21 rapes occurred in Sacramento's East Area.