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# Rancho Cordovan is east area rapist victim

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The east area rapist struck for the 32nd time Wednesday morning, raping a 30-year-old Rancho Cordova woman and ransacking her home.

The rapist followed the same general pattern as his other attacks, which began nearly two years ago, said Chief Deputy Robert Radford of the Sacramento County sheriff's office. However, he stayed in the home only about a half hour; not two or more hours, as he had in the past.

Radford said the man entered a home near Ambassador and McGregor drives in Rancho Cordova, about two miles east of an area where he has struck several times before.

In many earlier attacks, the rapist had removed sliding glass doors or windows. But, this time, he removed the wood molding around one of the large glass panes in a side door of the woman's home, Radford said.

He then slid through the opening, bypassing a double-key deadbolt which was locked.

He awakened the victim in the master bedroom, blindfolded her and tied her hands. She gave police a very sketchy description, saying the man, about 5 feet 8, 160 pounds, was armed with a knife and might have been wearing a dark ski mask.

He moved her into a third bedroom, adjacent to the room where the divorcee's children slept. They did not awaken and were unharmed.

The rapist ransacked the home, Radford said, then returned to the woman and committed rape and another sexual attack. He then left, after which the woman freed herself and called the sheriff's department about 3:20 a.m.

The rapist has confined almost all his forays to the eastern area of Sacramento County although he has struck twice in Stockton, twice within the Sacramento city limits and once in Sacramento's south area. He began his attacks in May 1975 in Rancho Cordova. His last known attack was March 18 in Stockton.

## Regional Transit revising several of its bus routes

Regional Transit officials have announced that revisions in several bus routes will take effect Sunday.

All lines now ending at 3rd and J streets, including lines 30, 31 and 34, will use a new terminal zone at 6th and J. Construction activity in the area caused the alteration.

Lines 61, 62, 63 and 64 will end at 4th and J streets. While the termination areas have changed, the routes of the buses will not.

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