

# CBers Cautioned . . . Volunteer Patrols Could Hamper Rapist Search

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The Sacramento County Sheriff's office today asked a group of citizens hand radio buffs not to conduct planned patrols in search of the east area rapist.

"I requested that they not patrol the east area because we'd rather not have them there," said Undersheriff Dick Phillips. "I'm not doubting their good intent, but they could be a hindrance instead of an assistance."

In other developments today, the reward posted for the rapist grew to \$15,000 when The Bee's Secret Witness program raised its offer, at the request of the sheriff's department, from \$5,000 to \$15,000 and a Sacramento dentist offered another \$10,000.

Phillips said the sheriff's office doubts the value of having volunteers openly attempt to find a man who has broken into about two dozen homes in the area, raped 21 women, overcome six men, terrorized several children and escaped undetected.

"They won't know what they're looking for and just driving up and down the street is not going to stop this guy," Phillips said.

The rapist, who has been termed "a probable, paranoid schizophrenic," might be expected to attack again just to prove his skills to the volunteers, Phillips said.

In addition, the sheriff's office is concerned about the possibility of accidental shootings in the area.

"A large number of people are in a state of near panic," Phillips said. "An influx of strangers isn't going to help that."

The Sacramento dentist, who is organizing the CB patrols, however, said his group plans to continue to patrol the east area and build a larger patrol force.

"We intend to help law enforcement, not hinder it," said the dentist, James Gilmartin. "We have every reason to believe the success of (the patrol) depends on having enough people to catch this guy going in or out of a house."

Gilmartin said he understands the police concerns but doesn't consider them "hostile."

The group had 10 persons patrolling the east area Thursday night in a pilot run, Gilmartin said. They hope to get into the full operation of the planned patrol, with several thousands of volunteers, as soon as they finish the organizational chores, he said. The project is called the East Area Rapist Surveillance Patrol and has received an answering service at 483-8835.

Gilmartin also has posted a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the capture of the rapist.

The Bee's Secret Witness program is asking possible informants to phone privately 402-4721.

Note: Will the witness know as Alper Park's press call.

The Bee raised the reward after Chief Sheriff's Deputy Fred Reese asked for an increase "in the hope that it will bring out the information we need to solve these terrible crimes."

"We have received a great many calls and have numerous leads to check out, but so far, the solution is not in sight. Someone out there must know who this man is, and we are trying to reach that person. We hope this is the answer."

The case was added to the Secret Witness reward list last Nov. 4 when it was first revealed the rapist was at work. He had committed eight rapes at the time and has committed 15 others since.

The total reward for the east area rapist could jump to \$40,000 Monday, when County Supervisor Pat McInerney asks the board of supervisors to allocate \$15,000 to add to The Bee's reward fund.

McInerney also said he will ask the supervisors to allocate \$100,000 to the sheriff's department's overtime budget because it is nearly depleted for the fiscal year, which ends June 30.

Deputies have been working overtime for compensatory time off and that could cause a serious manpower problem "down the line" when the time is taken, McInerney said.

The overtime budget has been exhausted for several reasons, Phillips said. The east area rapist investigation is only part of the explanation, he said.

Many deputies and some California Highway Patrolmen have been working overtime on the rape investigations as volunteers, asking neither money nor time for their extra effort, said Sheriff's spokesman Bill Miller.

Deputies are continuing to sort through some 3,000 tips they've received in the case since the rapist's last attack early Tuesday, Miller said.

During that attack, the rapist told a Del Dora woman and her husband he will kill his next two victims. After that incident, sheriff's deputies released an artist's sketch of the rapist and a psychiatric profile of him.

The rapist has been described as a

white man between the ages of 30 and 35 with an athletic build. His eyes are described as blue to hazel. His hair is dirty blonde to brown about collar length. It is unknown whether he has facial hair.

The rapist has worn a variety of alt markers during his attacks. None of his victims has given his complete face, deputies said.

That information prompted the evaluation of telephone tips which were taken by a total of 20 deputies on overtime, Miller said. Many of the callers named possible suspects but most of the calls were worthless, he said.

"A lot were just out of the half park, things like I saw a strange guy in a restaurant a month ago and you'd better find him," Miller said. "But a lot of people who called feel very strongly they've found the guy for us. It'll take a lot of time to follow them up."

Deputies estimated about 15 percent of the 3,000 calls contained worthwhile information, Miller said.

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Larisa Lary, a man with a "true desire to return to prison," had his wish fulfilled Thursday by Superior Court Judge Michael Virga.

Virga sentenced Lary, 34, to

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