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Investigator Carol Daly

The sheriff's investigator who has interviewed all the victims of the east area rapist talks about the rapist in a rare interview with Union reporter Veda Federighi. It's on C1.

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offenders."
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to develop an intensive outpatient care
program should be taken to handle the
disturbed parolees.
Austin reported a subsequent study
completed after his May 27th memo was
sent showed 1 percent, or about 2,800 of
the state's 28,000 prisoners are "seriously
mentally ill."
"Not only are they mad," said Austin,
"they're bad."
A short-range method being imple-
mented by Austin's program and other

parole agencies is an accelerated devel-
opment of a "maximum outpatient pro-
gram" designed to oversee the disturbed
parolees with greater care than normal.
"We've been fairly fortunate so far.
We've cut several off at the pass, as it
were," Austin told The Union Wednesday
night. "We think we've been lucky."
Ed Velt, assistant deputy director of
the State Department of Corrections,
reached at the Ontario Airport, said
parole agents have gone through recent

training in how to cope with mental
disturbed parolees.
"There were certain people who ha-
been held for long periods of time in ou-
institutions in places like Alascadero and
Patton (state hospitals)," Velt said. "A-
of them weren't necessarily dangerous.
But we are concerned about the problem.
The number of cases you would consid-
the riskier ones was relatively small."
Under the recently enacted fixed-term
sentencing law, officials maintain, little

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Rapist's skill is called key

Detective says law now needs luck to catch him

By VEDA FEDERIGHI
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The east area rapist has avoided capture because he's lucky and skillful, a top investigator said Wednesday, and it's going to take skill and luck—mostly luck, at this stage—to catch him.

Sheriff's detectives up to now have been close-mouthed on their investigation of the east area rapist, who has struck 28 times in the last 18 months. All but one of his attacks have been in Sacramento County (one was in Stockton).

Most were confined to the huge eastern area of the county, including the communities of Orangevale, Citrus Heights, Carmichael, Rancho Cordova and the Del Dayo and Glenbrook neighborhoods.

However, in a rare interview Wednesday, sheriff's investigator Carol Daly discussed the rapist (although she refused to be specific about his methods), the frustrations of the investigation and the victims of the young man psychiatrists have said may be in "a homosexual panic" because of his tiny penis.

Daly, who has interviewed all the rapists' victims (and in the last 10 instances that has included husbands who were home at the time of the attack), said that the victims "are first terrorized by the rapist, then by the community and their friends, who say inconsiderate things without thinking. Things like, 'How

could you just lie there and let all that happen to you?'"

"A lot of victims have been able to cope with the rapist all right and have a harder time coping with the community."

Daly said that the victims "have been our biggest supporters. They know how come the east area rapist is so hard to catch. They say that before they didn't understand; but after they're victimized, they know."

The investigator said the rapist has had "an awful lot of luck in not getting caught. He operates in the middle of the night, and no one is looking out their windows. And people sometimes hear things, but dismiss them and go back to sleep."

The rapist's caution and skill have also helped him elude capture. Daly said that the attacker has used basically "exactly the same m.o. (method of operation)" since the first rape June 18, 1976. He has varied his attack only in that he first attacked women alone at home where now he enters homes with men present.

"He knows what he's doing. He wears gloves. He conceals his identity in every way possible. His victims have limited eye contact before they're blindfolded. He disguises his voice. In fact, he disguises everything that might lead us to him."

Asked if the rapist, who struck three times in October, has dropped any clues, false or otherwise, Daly replied, "He hasn't given us anything that will help us."

Because the rapist lets so little be seen, hypnosis (often of assistance in rape cases, where traumatized victims are relaxed by the hypnotist and are able to recall details they had suppressed) has produced no results, although it has been tried with several victims.

Asked if she thought the man would be caught soon, the personable detective sighed, smiled and said, "I sure hope so. I hope we get lucky."

"The good police work has already



Detective Carol Daly

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been done in this case. We'll keep on doing it, keep on following up leads the public gives us, but it's going to take not

only the right information, but luck, too. Someone seeing him. A patrol car nearby. Some bit of luck to break the case."

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Application deadline

Friday is the application deadline for persons interested in being tenant representatives on the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission.

Candidates must live in housing under jurisdiction of the Housing and Redevelopment Agency. The vacancy was created by the resignation last month of Jennie Hernandez.

Applications may be obtained at the city clerk's office in city hall, the agency at 630 I St., or any area housing office.

All applicants will be interviewed on Nov. 10 by a committee of commissioners. The commission will make its recommendation to the City Council, which will appoint the representative.

Commissioners receive \$20 per meeting, not to exceed \$100 a month. Meetings are held at 3 p.m. on the first Monday of the month and at 7:30 p.m. on the third

