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# Rapist strikes 3 times in 3 days

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Police yesterday warned women in two Brooklyn neighborhoods to watch out for a rapist who has attacked eight times since June — including three times in the last three days.

A 16-year-old girl fought off the rapist late Monday night in a Brownsville housing project — but he appeared again early yesterday, raping a woman in her 20s in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

The attacks have all occurred after the victims got off either the B15 or the B20 bus late at night and walked home to one of two city housing projects in Brownsville and Bed-Stuy.

Police refused to name the housing projects — apparently to help conceal the identities of the victims.

In each case, the rapist followed his victim into the lobby, got onto the elevator and then pulled out a knife, telling her he planned to rob her.

Then he took her to the roof and either raped or sodomized her.

Police Capt. Ted Lotti said women who take those buses late at night should be careful, and if possible, have someone meet them at their stop.

The rapist was described as a black man in his mid-20s, between 5-foot-8 and 5-foot-10, 180 pounds, often wearing sunglasses and a black bandanna on his head.

At least one of his victims spotted a gold scorpion symbol on a chain around his neck.

Most of his victims have been between the ages of 16 and 22, although his first victim was in her 30s, Lotti said.

In the most recent attacks, he first approached the 16-year-old in the lobby of her building at 11:30 p.m. Monday.

But when the man pulled out a knife in the elevator, the teen fought back, kneeing him in the groin and hitting him on the head. The rapist stabbed her in the leg but she escaped and was not seriously injured.

But the fiend turned up two hours later in Bed-Stuy, where he raped a woman in her 20s.

The rapist struck June 7, twice on Nov. 29, and again on Dec. 2, Dec. 7 and Dec. 16 — before the attacks over the last two days.

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