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DNA match leads to arrest in 2002 rape

More than six years after a 13-year-old Lynnwood area girl was raped in her apartment by a stranger, detectives have arrested a suspect and booked him into the Snohomish County Jail for investigation of first-degree rape and first-degree burglary.

Detectives got a much-needed break in this cold case when they received word recently of a DNA match that pointed to a now 40-year-old Lynnwood area man.

Deputies arrested the man late Tuesday afternoon without incident as he was driving away from his apartment in the 16800 block of 6th Ave. W. – the same apartment he lived in at the time of the rape (and near the victim's apartment).

The assault happened Dec. 22, 2002 when the suspect entered the girl's apartment in the 500 block of 164th St. SW. It's unclear how he got into the apartment, but he went to the bedroom of the 13-year-old girl who happened to have two other 13-year-old female friends staying the night.

The suspect sexually assaulted the 13-year-old girl who lived in the apartment, but didn't assault the other two visiting girls or anyone else in the apartment. The suspect threatened the victim, telling her he would shoot everyone in the apartment if she didn't comply. The other two girls slept through the attack.

Detectives don't know how or why he chose this victim. At the time there were no leads and the case went cold.

The suspect's criminal history includes prior burglary convictions but no sex crimes that detectives are aware of.

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