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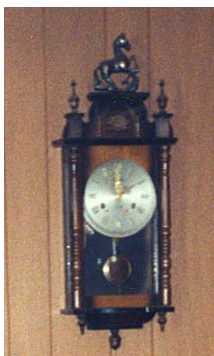
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Clock may assist in investigation of serial rapist



Investigators have released a photo of a clock that was stolen by a suspected serial rapist/burglar linked to multiple attacks on elderly women in central and south-central Texas.

Investigators believe the suspect took the clock from a victim's home after a September 5 burglary in Leon County near Marquez. The image is from a photograph and has been enhanced by the DPS Crime Lab as much as possible. (Click here for images of the clock: http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/public_information/pr010410photos.htm)

“The clock is unique and distinctive, and information about the clock could produce additional leads,” said Texas Ranger Chief Tony Leal. “Perhaps someone saw this clock, received it as a gift or may have other useful information.”

Authorities, including the Texas Rangers, are investigating as many as 12 rapes, attempted rapes or burglaries in the cities of Yoakum and Luling, and in rural Leon, Bell and Falls counties between January and November of 2009. The victims, who lived alone, ranged in age from 65 to 91. The rapist has been described as a thin, young, dark-skinned man between 5 feet 6 inches and 6 feet tall.

Anyone with information related to the clock or someone fitting the description and characteristics of this rapist is urged to contact their local law enforcement agency or the Texas

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Department of Public Safety Fusion Center at 1-866-786-5972. Callers may remain anonymous and a reward for information is being offered by local Crime Stoppers programs.

The investigation includes the combined efforts of the DPS, the Yoakum Police Department, the Luling Police Department, the Leon County Sheriff's Office, the Bell County Sheriff's Office, the Falls County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Marshals Service and the FBI.

(For additional information, view the December 14 press release at http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/public_information/pr121409.pdf)

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