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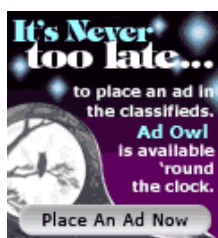
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## Real estate agent assaulted in vacant home

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A Napa real estate agent was assaulted by a what she thought was a potential buyer Wednesday afternoon.

Kate Hanni said she received a call on her cell phone from a man saying he was interested in looking at property she had listed in the 100 block of Berna Avenue in Napa.

Hanni told police she arrived at the home around 2 p.m. "It is a new house that is vacant," she said.

Hanni was alone in the house turning on the lights when a man wearing a ski mask entered the home, according to Napa police.

"I heard the front door open and close. I was in the kitchen. I came around the corner and saw this big guy wearing a ski mask about five feet away from me," said Hanni.

Hanni told police the suspect grabbed her and the two struggled. Police said Hanni was dragged toward the front door and that she bit the man in the hand. According to police, the suspect fled on foot.

Hanni called 911, left the house, drove to a nearby market and waited for police. She was taken to Queen of the Valley Hospital, where she was treated and released.

The man is described as white male, brown curly hair, wearing blue jeans and navy blue T-shirt.

Anyone with information is asked to call Napa Police Detective Don Winegar at 258-7879.

### Sexual assault suspect surrenders

A Napa man turned himself in to law enforcement after he learned there was a warrant for his arrest.

Dustin Jeffrey Lyons, 27, was booked into the county jail Wednesday on three counts of committing lewd acts on a child 14 or younger.

Police say the incidents occurred in mid-May in Napa and involved a 14-year-old girl.

According to Napa Police Cmdr. Jeff Troendly, the victim knows Lyons.

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