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Sheriff's Office Searching for Robbery Suspect

COVINGTON, LA - St. Tammany Parish Sheriff Jack Strain is asking for the public's help finding a man wanted in connection with the robbery and beating of a Covington woman last night.

Deputies are searching for Eric Bolton (last known address: 7056 Martin Luther King Dr, Mansura, LA (Avoyelles Parish) – black male – DOB: 1/1/1971). Bolton is known to have connections to both Lafayette and Avoyelles parishes.

The Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from the victim, a 66 year old white female, at approximately 3:30 a.m. this morning reporting the attack, which occurred at her home on Willow Drive in the Covington area.

The victim knew Bolton through a church group. She and her daughter had been attempting to help Bolton get back on his feet after a long series of criminal offenses. She would occasionally allow Bolton to stay with her at her Willow Dr. home and was helping secure a residence for him in Avoyelles Parish.

Last night, Bolton contacted the victim and asked her for a ride to Covington from Hammond. As the two returned to her home on Willow Dr., Bolton attacked the woman, beating her badly with his fists. He tied the woman up in her bedroom, stole an undisclosed sum of money from her purse, took the keys to her car and left her bound and injured.

Bolton left in her vehicle, a beige colored 2005 Toyota Corrolla with Louisiana plate ORF 723. It is believed he was going back to Avoyelles Parish.

The victim eventually managed to loosen herself and call 911. She was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Bolton has an extensive and violent criminal history, including armed robbery and kidnapping. Bolton should be considered extremely dangerous and the public is asked to call 911 immediately upon seeing him.

Detectives have arrests warrants for Bolton for second degree robbery, second degree battery, false imprisonment and auto theft. The St. Tammany and Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Offices are working together closely in an effort to locate Bolton.

Detective Steve Chaisson is handling the case and may be reached at 985-898-2338.

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