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Hometown cheers sailor

Gerry Spiess wept for joy when hundreds of White Bear Lake, Minn., residents celebrated his cross-Atlantic sail in a 10-foot boat. "They keep calling me a hero . . . but three times (today) I've cried and they say heroes aren't supposed to cry," Spiess told his friends and neighbors Sunday at the festivities, which included a parade, marching band and speeches.

Minorities likely rape targets

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WASHINGTON — Young minority women walking alone at night are the most likely victims of a rapist — often a member of their own race, a federal survey revealed Monday.

A Law Enforcement Assistance Administration study of rape in 26 American cities in 1974 and 1975 found black and other minority women were more than 1.7 times as likely to be raped as white women.

"Rape is highly intra-racial for black and other minority victims; only a small proportion of these women reported that their attacker was white. Rape is also highly intra-racial if the attacker is white: The data contain few instances of white offenders choosing nonwhite women as victims," the study said.

THE STUDY also found:

- The hours between 6 p.m. and midnight are the most dangerous.
- Most assaults occur in open public areas such as streets or parks.
- Resisting a rapist often means the sexual assault is thwarted but the victim is more likely to suffer other injuries.
- Most attacks are by strangers and, according to the victims, attackers generally appear to be over 21 years of age.

In only 18 percent of the cases of rape or attempted rape that were studied did the victims know their attackers. Most rapes in such cases took place in homes.

(IN DETROIT, according to police Lt. Robert Kofell, head of the sex crimes unit, the most common rape situation occurs between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. and involves a rapist pulling a woman from a bus stop into a car or a rapist offering a woman a ride.)

The survey found the incidence of rape decreased among older women and those with higher incomes.

White women said they reported rapes to the police 62 percent of the time, while blacks and women from other minority groups reported the crimes 76 percent of the time.

Rape patterns were surveyed in Atlanta; Baltimore; Boston; Buffalo, N.Y.; Chicago; Cincinnati; Cleveland; Dallas; Denver; Detroit; Houston; Los Angeles; Miami; Milwaukee; Minneapolis; New Orleans; Newark, N.J.; New York; Oakland, Calif.; Philadelphia; Pittsburgh; San Diego; San Francisco; St. Louis; Portland, Ore., and Washington, D.C.

Off-duty officer kills Detroit

A 33-year-old Detroit man was shot and killed by a 29-year-old off-duty policeman from the 11th (Davison) Precinct Monday night after an argument between the two on the street, according to police.

Police said Thomas Ward of Lakewood Street was killed about 8:30 p.m. by Officer Edgar Hale. Hale joined the Detroit Police Department two years ago.

Hale was held in police custody overnight for questioning.

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