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# Doctor's Yells Finally Bring Aid

A prominent New Orleans psychiatrist spent most of the night and early morning yelling for help after two thugs ransacked his apartment and left him tied to the bedroom stairway railing in his Bourbon st. apartment.

DR. T. L. RAFFERTY

After the men tied Dr. Thomas L. Raferty they escaped with his 1968 Oldsmobile, $200 and other items, police said.

Dr. Rafferty, 44, former director of Southeast Louisiana Mental Hospital at Mandeville, wos found hoarse and with bloodied wrists, but otherwise unharmed.

**INVESTIGATING PATROLMAN** Joseph Albee said a neighbor in a back apartment finally heard Dr. Rafferty's cries for help about 10:30 a.m., and notified police to come to the rear apartment at 1205½ Bourbon.

Mrs. Jane Boher and her family were staying in a back apartment and preparing to leave for Abbeville when she said she heard faint cries of "Help, Help."

Police said they had to break in French doors in order to get into Dr. Rafferty's apartment and they found the psychiatrist at the top of the stairs in the bedroom.

**BOTH OF DR. RAFFERTY'S** wrists were bound with neckties and bloodied from hours of futile attempts to free himself.

"Thank God, someone heard me," Dr. Rafferty said. He explained that the apartment next door to his was vacant and if the people in the back apartment would have left, he might have remained tied up until Friday, when a maid was due.

Dr. Rafferty, who has taught psychiatry at Tulane University here for 12 years, told police two white men in their mid-20s approached him about 12:30 a. m. when he was opening the gate to his rear apartment.

**ONE OF THE MEN** drew a .32-caliber revolver and demanded money, he said, then the two forced their way into his apartment.

Rafferty said the thugs tied him in his bedroom and proceeded to ransack the apartment.

"When they couldn't come up with any money, they untied me and one marched me down to a grocery and bar on Dauphine, where I was forced to cash a check for $200," Rafferty said.

The psychiatrist said the thieves also escaped with his automobile, a portable black and white television, a watch valued at $450, a bottle of whiskey and four bottles of wine.

**DR. RAFFERTY SAID** that after he cashed the check, he was marched back to his apartment and again bound.

The doctor said both bandits were wearing green shirts. He said one was about six feet, three inches tall and the other about five feet, six inches.

Dr. Rafferty was named clinical director of the Mandeville hospital in 1959. At the time, he was an instruc-

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