

RATTLESNAKES

Mojave Rattlesnake Might be in County

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Rumors have it that the bad boy of rattlesnakes has come to town.

"Heard a couple of people spotted a Mojave rattlesnake over at Penasquitos Reserve," said Tracey Walker, senior ranger at Mission Trails Regional Park in Santee.

Same story as last year; same location.

Still just a rumor, said Robert Fisher, who is doing biological research on Southern California snakes for the U.S. Geological Survey. The herpetologist said he won't believe the Mojave rattler has moved in until he sees one with his own eyes.