

Head Found In Aptos

Kemper, Edmund

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Anita Luchessa



Cynthia Ann Schall

A severed human head was uncovered late this morning from the backyard of Edmund Emil Kemper's residence at 609A Ord St., Aptos.

Authorities refused to comment on the find, other than saying they had received information which led them to the Kemper yard.

Representatives from the Santa Cruz sheriff's office, city police and the district attorney's office looked on as detectives dug a 16 inch deep hole and found the decaying head. Because authorities pinpointed the head's location, it is speculated

they were acting on information from, Pueblo, Colo., where Kemper was arrested and has reportedly been giving detailed information on not only the slaying of his mother Clara Nel Strandberg, 52, and her friend Sara Taylor Hallett, 59, but also the slaying of six young women.

At presstime, no identification had been made on the head. Two possible identities are Cynthia Ann Schall, 18, and Anita M. Luchessa, 18.

Parts of Miss Schall's butchered body floated ashore in both Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties in January. Her head was never found. Miss Luchessa, a Fresno

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Weather

Monterey Bay Area Forecast -
Overcast night and morning but sunny afternoons through Friday. Continued cool. Highs Friday in the upper 50s along the coast into the low & 70s inland. Lows in the mid 40s. Westerly winds 10 to 25 mph late afternoons.

Temperatures for 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. today: High 62, low 47.

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State College coed who was last seen hitchhiking in Santa Cruz County, has never been found following her disappearance last May. Sheriff's deputies found the severed head of her roommate and traveling companion, Mary Ann Pesce, in the Santa Cruz mountains last August.

The head found today had been buried about four feet from the rear of Kemper's house. For the last several months, Kemper and his mother lived in the duplex apartment.

While the skull was being removed from the hole, the upstairs neighbors glanced down at the yard through a window.

People living next door to the duplex were visibly shaken as they occasionally looked over to where detectives located the head.

"To think we've been living

here so peacefully with that laying in the ground," said one woman, pointing to Kemper's backyard. A young woman next to her, wearing a Cabrillo College T-Shirt, nodded silently.

Meanwhile, Kemper is heading back to California from Pueblo, accompanied by investigators from the sheriff's department, city police and the district attorney's office.

Dist. Atty. Peter Chang returned Wednesday night from Pueblo, but made no statements to the press. Local authorities have refused to comment on

reports from Pueblo that Kemper has described fully and confessed to the slaying of six young women.

Slain in recent months in Santa Cruz have been Miss Schall, Miss Pesce, Alice Helen Liu, 20, Rosalind Thorpe, 23, and Mary Guilfoyle, 24. Miss Luchessa is still listed as missing.

Berkeley police said Wednesday they had been told by Santa Cruz authorities that Kemper had claimed responsibility for the death of Aiko Koo, a 15-year-old Berkeley girl missing since Sept. 14, the Associated Press reported.

Just before noon today, Sheriff Doug James issued a press release saying he has formally asked the district attorney to file first-degree murder complaints against Kemper in connection with the slayings of Mrs. Strandberg and Mrs. Hallett.

James also said Kemper will be arraigned Monday in Municipal Court. Kemper is due back sometime Friday or Saturday.

The sheriff again refused to speculate on Kemper's involvement in the coed

slayings, except to say that intensive investigation is continuing.

At an extradition hearing in Pueblo Wednesday, Kemper was led into the courtroom by Pueblo and Santa Cruz police. The AP reported while Kemper was led into court with his handcuffs in front of him, he nodded a greeting of "Hi Mr. Chang" to the Santa Cruz district attorney.

When asked if he wanted an attorney, Kemper replied, "No. I don't think that will be necessary," according to AP.

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Flood Damage Grows

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Another Meat Boycott Planned By Housewives

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A new meat boycott is in the works and this time it won't be limited to one week, organizers say.

"We will boycott as long as necessary," said June Foray

successful during the boycott but the ceiling undercut us," she said Wednesday.

Mrs. Donovan and Mrs. Mathews say they don't think the enthusiasm and steadfastness which sparked the first