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Dispute Over Where To Keep Kemper

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Disagreement and indecision raged early today as authorities tried to determine where to imprison mass-murder suspect Edmund Emil Kemper III.

Kemper is currently being held at the Santa Cruz County jail. Jail authorities said they can no longer provide security for the 6-foot-9 murder suspect.

The trouble began Sunday, according to jailers, when Kemper refused to eat and refused to take prescribed medication. Monday, he tried to commit suicide by slashing one of his wrists with a ball-point pen.

Since trying to kill himself, Kemper has been moved into solitary confinement. Sheriff's Capt. Carl Wood said Kemper cannot be held in solitary much longer, since it is the only such cell at the facility. "I'll guarantee that he will not be here tonight," Wood promised.

Where the suspect will go, if he indeed is moved, is not known. Kemper's attorney, Jim Jackson, expressed his wish that Kemper remain in Santa Cruz. "It's too hard to see him if they take him away," the attorney noted.

Jackson said he especially did not want Kemper to be taken to Soledad State Prison. He added that the sheriff's department had the right to take him to San

Kemper was unshaven and appeared sickly as he was brought into court by six guards. He seemed to have difficulty swallowing while waiting for Superior Court Judge Harry Brauer to come into court. His wounds from the attempted suicide earlier this week were covered by the long sleeves of his blue jumpsuit issued by the sheriff's department.

Jackson asked the court for a continuance until next Wednesday before entering a plea because he had not had the opportunity to examine the

transcript of the Grand Jury proceedings earlier this month.

Following the court appearance, newsmen were handed an envelope marked "The White House" which had been addressed to Kemper at 609A Ord St., Aptos.

Inside the envelope was a card signed by President Nixon, his wife, daughters and sons-in-law, saying "With our deep appreciation for helping make possible our victory on Nov. 7, 1972."

The envelope is dated April (Continued on Page 2)

Bradley Wins

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Thomas Bradley, whose Texas sharecropper parents came to Los Angeles 42 years ago seeking "a better life," unseated flamboyant incumbent Sam Yorty Tuesday to become the city's first black mayor.

The soft-spoken Bradley, 55, will take office in July for a four-year term and Los Angeles will become the nation's largest city ever to have a Negro for chief executive.

It was "the fulfillment of a dream" for Bradley who said he grew up as a Negro boy who was told "you can't do this, you can't go there, you cannot achieve this position."

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26, two days after Kemper was arrested. Kemper told authorities he is a democrat and voted Democratic in the November election.

Sheriff's Det. Terry Medina, who helped circulate the envelope, said, "Kemper had the envelope, and he gave it to me to give to the press. He was laughing when he gave it to me."