

Kemper Is Moved To San Mateo

Superior Court Judge Harry Brauer late Wednesday ordered that accused mass - slayer Edmund Emil Kemper be moved to the San Mateo County jail in Redwood City for his own safety.

The order was made following a request from the district attorney's office. Brauer said Kemper's life may be endangered if he remained in the Santa Cruz County jail any longer. Brauer said in his order that the court found that the facilities of the jail are inadequate, unsafe and unfit for confinement.

Early this week, Kemper twice tried to kill himself by slashing one of his wrists with a ball point pen.

Early Wednesday, Kemper's attorney, James Jackson, said he was against Kemper being moved out of Santa Cruz.

"He can committ suicide in San Mateo as well as Santa Cruz and I can see no reason to move him," Jackson said. The attorney added it will be difficult to confer with his client once he is moved to San Mateo.

The sheriff's department indicated that Kemper will be transported back to Santa Cruz for each court appearance and each time Jackson requests an interview with him.