

# Kemper Gets 1

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Expressing the sentiment "May God have mercy on your soul, Mr. Kemper," Santa Cruz Superior Court Judge Harry Brauer today sentenced convicted mass - murderer Edmund Emil Kemper III to life imprisonment.

Brauer told the defendant, "You are being sentenced to prison for the term of your natural life."

The judge added he was suggesting as vehemently as

possible to the Adult Authority that he never be considered for probation.

In preparing the statement to the prison authority, Brauer asked Dist. Atty. Peter Chang to "buttress that request with certain exhibits." Those exhibits include taped statements made by Kemper stating that if he were freed again in society, he feels he would kill again.

Kemper was led into court by his two guards, Bruce Colomy and Ron Atkinson. The tension in the courtroom came to a climax following Kemper's sentencing

when the judge commented, "May God have mercy on your soul, Mr. Kemper, but you understand I have to protect the rest of the people from people like you."

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has been imprisoned following a series of attempted suicides.

Kemper also expressed his gratitude to the judge for allowing him to remain in court unshackled during the entire trial.

The private investigator who worked for Kemper's defense, Harold Cartwright, had additional praise for Kemper's two guards, Colony and Atkinson. Cartwright commented that both men were responsible for "being as much counselors as guards," while transporting Kemper from court to prison

each day. He said without the two guards, Kemper may not have been able to keep his composure in court.

The eight life - prison terms, by statute, cannot be imposed consecutively. Instead, Kemper's sentences will be served concurrently.

After court, Kemper appeared relieved that the whole thing was over, and while walking from the courthouse, he nodded greetings to several officials he became acquainted with during his imprisonment and trial.

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## Weather

MONTEREY BAY AREA —  
Chance of rain tonight then partly cloudy Saturday. Highs Saturday in 60s. Lows tonight in 50s.

Temperatures for the Santa Cruz area for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. this morning: High 64, Low 47.

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