

Kemper Sent To Vacaville

REDWOOD CITY (AP)—Edmund Kemper III, on trial in the mutilation slayings of eight women, was transferred today to a state medical facility after trying to kill himself for the fourth time.

Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge Harry Brauer said he signed the order moving Kemper to Vacaville because the defendant is "a serious custodial problem."

Kemper, who had been confined in San Mateo County jail here during the trial in Santa Cruz, tried to use a paper clip Monday to pull out stitches in his wrist from a suicide attempt last week. He was treated at a local hospital and returned to his cell.

The 6-foot-9, 280-pound defendant has tried two other times to take his life.

Brauer's order said Kemper needed to be hospitalized because of inadequate detention facilities in Santa Cruz "and because of his past and present behavior."

The trial was scheduled to resume Wednesday.