

Slain Mother Had Suspicions

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The slain mother of accused mass - slayer Edmund Kemper had suspicions that her son could be involved with the coed killings which had plagued the Santa Cruz area, the defendant's sister said today.

While testifying at her brother's murder trial, Kemper's sister was identified only by her first name, Allyn. She is a resident of the Santa Cruz area.

During cross - examination by Dist. Atty. Peter Chang, said she she wondered if her brother had anything to do with the killings.

She said soon after the death and dismemberment of Cabrillo College coed Cynthia Schall, a childhood incident in which Kemper killed and beheaded the family cat "flashed in front of my face." She asked her brother if he had anything to do with the killings, she said today, and he replied he didn't. He also said "Don't mention this to mom because she'll start wondering... and I don't want things to get heavy."

Further questioning by Chang revealed that Kemper told his sister that his mother had already talked to him about the coed killings.

When Kemper was 15, he shot and killed his grandparents, with whom he was living. For the next five years, he was confined in Atascadero State Hospital.

Kemper is charged with killing and beheading his mother, Clarnell Strandberg, in April of this year.

Chang extensively asked Kemper's sister with a line of questions which indicated that he knew something about her

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New Smog Devices Get Go-Ahead

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Owners of nearly four million California cars are under orders by state officials to equip their autos with new smog devices within the next year.

Despite hundreds of protesting letters, the final decision came Tuesday at a public meeting by the California Air Resources Board. Most of the state's 4.5 million 1966-1970 model cars will be affected, officials said.

The \$35 devices are intended to cut emissions of oxides of nitrogen — a major ingredient in photochemical smog.

Unlike some past state actions on earlier smog devices, the order applies to all cars and

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past experiences with the defendant.

An obviously displeased, Jim Jackson (Kemper's attorney) asked to speak to the judge out of the presence of the jury.

He accused Chang of securing a confidential taped interview the defense had made with Kemper's sister, a charge which Chang denied.

Chang said his line of questioning resulted not from a tape, but instead from an interview he had with Kemper's sister "for two hours last night at my house. I didn't even know any tape existed."

Given that information, Judge Harry Brauer allowed Chang to continue.

Kemper's sister told the court of her brother's life-long love affair with guns. She recounted an incident during their

childhood which could have ended in tragedy.

The young woman testified that her brother was cleaning a .22 caliber rifle which he said was empty. "I noticed a noise behind me and suddenly a bullet went past and lodged in a bookcase." She said her brother commented, "Whoops! I thought it was empty."

She testified that shortly before Kemper's arrest, he owned about five rifles and one pistol. Despite the fact that he was "quite proud" of his firearms, his sister said, "I was not interested at all in them because of his past."

During direct questioning by Jackson, she said that about three weeks before her brother's arrest, he invited her into his room at 609A Ord St., Aptos, to look at his guns. As she went into the room, he pulled out some handcuffs, which he placed around her wrists.

"I didn't like that," she said, "I said to take them off now."

She also recounted a childhood experience in which she discovered one of her dolls' hands cut off, and she soon found out that her brother had done it.

Chang, during cross-examination, asked her if that was an isolated incident, and she replied it was.

Earlier, the jury saw a video taped interview between Kemper and various lawmen in which he again detailed several slayings. During the playing of the tape, Kemper placed his head on the defense counsel table and closed his eyes. A short time later, he requested Jackson to ask the judge if he could leave the room.

Brauer allowed him to leave, but later asked him, for the record, if the defendant's exit was at Kemper's request.

"It was," said the defendant.

Dr. Joel Fort, a court appointed psychiatrist who earlier in the day testified that Kemper was legally sane during an 11-month killing spree, held to that opinion Tuesday afternoon during over two hours of cross-examination by Jackson.

The give and take between Jackson and Fort was not

always good natured, and Judge Harry Brauer more than once cautioned each of them to stick to questions and answers.

Jackson at one point began a question by saying, "Doctor, I don't mean to be derogatory..."

After answering Jackson's question, Fort added the postscript, "And I don't take your question as derogatory, Mr. Jackson, since you are the one that first contacted me (in connection with the case)."

Jackson, during his questioning, appeared disturbed with Fort's psychiatric report of Kemper: "You've taken a lot of people to task in your report," Jackson began.

The defense attorney quoted a paragraph from Fort's report which read, "Among major historical forces which made him (Kemper) what he is were inadequate, destructive parents... poor evaluation and treatment by psychiatrists and others assigned to help him, extensive training in use of guns by the National Rifle Assn., easy availability of guns to buy and borrow despite his homicidal history, and police negligence in not apprehending him earlier."

Fort, on the stand, said Kemper was taking risks and even "playing" with police by drinking in a bar with police officers and commenting on the killings.

"But what negligence, Dr. Fort?" asked Jackson.

Fort replied that since the police were aware he had killed earlier, (his grandparents when he was 15) they should have questioned him regarding the coed slayings.

Jackson noted that Fort is an outspoken critic of wiretapping, "rousting," and other strict police tactics, and suggested Fort was mistaken in his contention that the police were negligent.

Jackson also criticized Fort for diagnosing Kemper as not suicidal, reminded the doctor that Kemper had attempted to kill himself early Sunday.

Fort stuck to his opinion and said that he believed Kemper's action last weekend was a "suicide gesture," rather than a serious attempt to take his life.

Finally, Jackson informed Fort and the court that after Kemper killed his mother, he beheaded her, threw darts at her head, placed her head on a mantelpiece and yelled at it and cut her larynx out and ground it up in a garbage disposal.

Fort said those facts are insignificant in the context of the eight killings as a whole, and wouldn't change his diagnosis of the defendant.

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at in random highway inspections.

The board even though its legal counsel reported "we have received more than 600 public responses overwhelmingly opposing the program." Complaints mentioned "engine damage, overheating, fuel economy and a few said there was no need for the devices," he added.

William DuBois, director of natural resources for the California Farm Bureau Federation, claiming 63,000 member families, said the plan comes when agriculture is suffering shortages.

"In most rural areas, air quality is not a critical consideration," DuBois stated. "Fuel certainly is."

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