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According to Skip Scofield, Santa Cruz Sentinel 10/14/73

Doctors who examined mass-murder defendant Edmund Kemper while he was institutionalized at Atascadero State Hospital and with the California Youth Authority were guilty of "gross incompetence and irresponsibility," a court-appointed psychiatrist who examined the defendant has charged.

Dr. Joel Fort, a professor of criminology at U Berkeley, took a slap at the psychiatrists in a written report to the court. The purpose of the report was to inform Santa Cruz Superior Court Judge Harry Brauer that Fort has diagnosed Kemper as legally sane at the time of eight Santa Cruz killings.

In making his judgment, Fort added, "It is important to state that his (Kemper's) handling by the staffs of Atascadero and the Youth Authority, and by private psychiatrists reveals many instances of gross incompetence and irresponsibility, including a

failure to recognize his sexual and violence pathology."

Kemper was institutionalized at Atascadero and with the Youth Authority for several years after he shot his grandparents at age 15. He was arrested last May at age 24.

Fort added the psychiatrists were guilty of misdiagnosis "since there was never any evidence of paranoid schizophrenia." He added the doctors gave "very poor followup care and supervision."

Although he didn't offer the explanation as an excuse, Fort said Kemper "because of his intelligence and work in the psychology section at Atascadero finds it very easy to fool and mislead traditional psychiatrists and psychologists in and out of hospitals and jails, allowing them to hear what their standardized questions indicate to him they want to hear."

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stands 6-foot-9 and weighs 280 pounds, as "very cooperative, highly intelligent, talkative, and superficially friendly and non-aggressive... His memory is unusually good; he is somewhat tense, and there is no sign of delusions, hallucinations or other psychotic symptoms."

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According to Skip Scofield, assistant planner for the city, the fire marshal's office plays a large role in the planning and

in "some access roads which are not adequate, some water supplies which are only adequate for domestic use, and other problems.

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and authoritarianism in the case of his mother and grandmother.

Fort said the major "historical forces" which brought on the killings were "extreme height at a very early age, an absence of normal sexual education, rejection by peers and family causing him to turn more and more to destructive fantasies, 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."

The other psychiatrist appointed by the court, Dr. Don Lowe of Palo Alto, disagreed in his report that Kemper feels no remorse. "He states he does have intense feelings of guilt and remorse which he usually hides."

Lowe, however, concurs with Fort that Kemper was sane at the time of the killings.

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