

# Kemper waives parole hearing

*Kemper. Edmund*  
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Santa Cruz County's deadliest serial killer will be in prison for at least another five years.

## VACAVILLE

Edmund Emil Kemper, 54, has been in prison since 1973, when he was convicted of savagely killing, decapitating and dismembering six UC Santa Cruz students, his mother and his mother's friend in 1972 and 1973.

Kemper was set to face the state parole board Wednesday. But earlier this week, he waived his right to the hearing, and agreed not to seek parole again until at least 2007, according to Denise Schmidt, spokeswoman for the state Board of Prison Terms.

Kemper's agreement came as a surprise to county prosecutor Ariadne Symons. She said Kemper had indicated he would attend the parole hearing at the California Medical Facility in Vacaville, and Symons was prepared to go — and to argue that he must remain behind bars.

She wrote in a letter to the parole board that she does not think Kemper is at all reformed, and that he remains a threat to society.

"Apparently Kemper does not like to be referred to as a 'monster,'" Symons wrote. "However, the term is apt, even though it is woefully inadequate. Mere words cannot convey the horror of what he did."

Though it's been 30 years since Kemper's crimes, the brutality of the murders has never been forgotten by those involved in the case.

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After Kemper killed his mother and her friend in April of 1973, he fled across country, expecting to die in an armed conflict with police. Instead he called Santa Cruz police from Colorado to confess to the murders.

Local detectives flew to Colorado and drove Kemper back to Santa Cruz in his own rental car. During the drive, he confessed in great detail.

He told the officers he would prowl the UCSC campus for young female hitchhikers. He would pick them up, murder them, in some instances sexually assaulting their corpses. He then decapitated and dismembered the bodies, dumping body parts in the ocean, nearby mountains and even in his own yard.

Mickey Aluffi was one of the detectives who drove Kemper back. He said he still thinks about the case, and that a recent television story on the case broadcast on Court TV brought up a lot of emotions he had suppressed for nearly three decades.

Aluffi now works for the UCSC Police Department. He said he thinks about the case often as he patrols the same campus roads Kemper prowled.

Kemper will be 59 when he becomes eligible for parole again.

Both Aluffi and Symons say that no matter when Kemper comes up for parole, he should not be released.

In her letter to the parole board, Symons wrote:

"In an interview at the time of his arrest, Kemper stated 'I certainly wouldn't trust me in society again.' Let us give weight to those words."

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