

Kemper Leads Lawmen To Several Burial Sites

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A cooperative Edmund Emil Kemper Saturday led lawmen to several sites where he said he buried severed parts of young women's bodies.

Sheriff Doug James announced that Kemper, who was returned to Santa Cruz County Saturday after spending Friday night at the Alameda County jail, led investigators to several locations where bodies, parts of bodies and clothing have been found.

Sheriff's Chief Investigator Ken Pittenger said, "What we have is four sites with parts of three different bodies."

No positive identifications were made, but Kemper told detectives buried human remains at one site belonged to Anita Luchessa, a Fresno State coed missing since last summer.

"We want to make sure before we announce positive identifications," Pittenger explained.

Kemper, accompanied by Deputy Mickey Aluffi, Police

CLt. Charles Scherer and Investigator Dick Verbrugge of the district attorney's office, was driven into Santa Cruz County around noon Saturday.

They were met on Summit Road by four more sheriff's investigators, a city police detective and a representative from the DA's office.

Near Old Santa Cruz Highway (Santa Clara County) off Summit Road, a decomposed headless body was uncovered from a shallow grave, the sheriff's department said.

In the Loma Prieta mountain

area, a bone which was tentatively identified as a human pelvis was discovered along with some clothing.

Last August, a severed human head identified as belonging to Mary Ann Pesce, a friend of Miss Luchessa, was found in the Loma Prieta region.

From there, Kemper led detectives to Rodeo Gulch Road near Mountain View Road, where he directed them to an arm which was inside a plastic bag. The arm was at the bottom of a steep canyon, "where

nobody would ever have found it," a detective at the scene said.

Detectives said Kemper was extremely cooperative throughout the search, although he was reportedly bothered at first by the presence of newsmen. Before he led authorities to the different makeshift burials, he insisted that newsmen and other onlookers clear the area.

Kemper was brought back to the Santa Cruz County jail Saturday evening. He is current-

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Weather

MONTEREY BAY AREA — Low overcast with patchy fog along the ocean extending inland night and mornings but sunny most of area inland from coast in afternoons through Monday. Low tonight in upper 40s to low 50s. Highs today and Monday in the 60s to low 70s. Small craft advisory for northwest wind 15 to 25 mph in afternoons.

Temperatures for 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Saturday: High 61, Low 48; for period ending at 5 p.m. Saturday: High 60, Low 48.

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tly being detained alone in a cell which leads off one of the four large cells inside the jail.

He will remain there at least until his first local court appearance Monday. At that time, he will be arraigned in Municipal Court on two first-degree murder charges. James has officially requested the DA's office to file charges against Kemper for the slaying of his mother, Clarnell Strandberg, and her friend, Sara Taylor Hallett.

Dist. Atty. Peter Chang has refused to comment on whether Kemper will be arraigned for the slayings of the young women.

Other than Miss Pesce and Miss Luchessa, Kemper reportedly has confessed to slaying

several other young women. Thursday, investigators dug up a human head from Kemper's backyard at 609A Ord St., Aptos. Positive identification of the head has not been made, but it is believed to belong to Cynthia Schall, a Cabrillo College coed whose severed limbs and body washed into Monterey Bay beaches earlier this week.

A detective who accompanied Kemper on the long drive home from Pueblo, Colo., described the trip back as "uneventful." Kemper, he said, was cooperative the whole time, and never caused any problem.

Sheriff's detectives returned to the office late Saturday afternoon to begin putting all the evidence in the case together. They were exhausted after an entire day of climbing and

digging, and they patiently answered newsmen's questions before starting to work.

Friday, blood, human hair, a shovel and ammunition were found in Kemper's bright yellow convertible car. With a search warrant, Criminalist Paul Dougherty of the San Mateo sheriff's office conducted a three-hour field study of the vehicle, which was taken from Santa Cruz County to a lab in Redwood City.

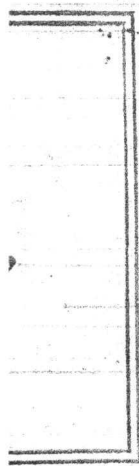
Last September, the 6-foot-9 suspect was judged "normal" by two Fresno psychiatrists, the Associated Press reported.

At age 15, he confessed to killing his grandparents in North Fork. He spent five years at Atascadero State Hospital before being released.



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Sheriff's deputy James Ingram (kneeling) combs through a makeshift burial near Summit Road where a decomposed headless body was uncovered. Suspected slayer Edmund

Emil Kemper led deputies Saturday to several locations where parts of bodies were uncovered. At the right is sheriff's detective Ken Foster.

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