

Kemper disposed of the heads of Rosalind Thorpe and Alice Liu off the cliff at Devil's Slide (seen here), south of Pacifica.

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All Ed Kemper's murders were committed in his home state of California. Like many Americans, he had a love affair with the car, and this – together with his job in the California Division of Highways – gave him a thorough knowledge of the state's complex road system.

Driving at night and over the weekends, he covered hundreds of miles as he cruised the freeways, concentrating on the area around Santa Cruz and Berkeley, both sites of the University of California, with its rich student pickings.

But Kemper also came to know more off-the-beaten-track areas where he could dispose of his victims, such as Devil's Slide, near Pacifica, and the near-deserted backroads, east of Alameda.

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Ed Kemper's CRIME SCENES

Kemper pursued his hitchhiking victims with cunning and cool deliberation as he cruised the roads of California. Then he got rid of their remains in remote spots.

California, USA



San Francisco



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▲ The San Francisco Bay area – including the city of San Francisco itself (seen here) – is served by an extensive network of freeways. Kemper got to know it well and used it to bamboozle his potential victims when giving lifts.

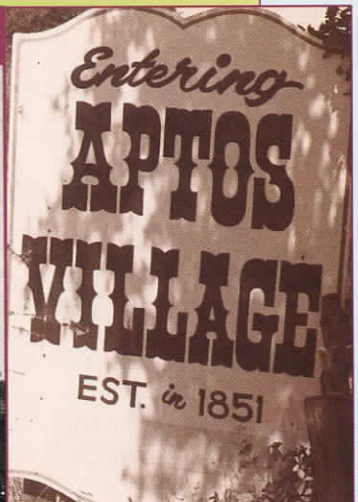
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▲◀ The entry sign (above) to Aptos (left), where Kemper's mother lived, and where Kemper stayed for some time. It was here that he murdered his mother and her friend, before fleeing.