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Cops Seize Books, Two Salesmen

SANTA CRUZ — The owner and a clerk of a newly opened Pacific avenue bookstore were arrested by Santa Cruz police Monday on charges of offering for sale obscene and pornographic material.

Police said they confiscated books, magazines, newspapers, and films at the store, at 1013 Pacific Ave. It is called Frenchy's K & T Adult Bookstore.

Booked at City Jail on the misdemeanor charges were Earl Stanley Kuhns, 41, bookstore owner, and a clerk, Richard Anthony Castner, 36, both of San Jose. Bail was set at \$625 each.

The bookstore opened for business Saturday morning and hours later was closed by police who confiscated books and cited Kuhns and Castner. The two were released on their own recognizance pending a court appearance.

Police Lt. Charles Scherer said Monday's arrest was the result of a new shipment of books to the store. He said the "arrests will continue as long as the shipments continue."

Lt. Scherer said the material confiscated depicted various sexual acts. He said that more than 100 books, magazines and films were confiscated Monday.

Kuhns, who lives at 1278 Pine Ave., San Jose, and Castner, who lives at 1086 Danbury Dr., San Jose, appeared in Santa Cruz Municipal Court Monday on charges stemming from last Saturday's citation. They were given until next week to enter pleas.

Officers said that the two men also are operating a bookstore in San Mateo.