

# Kuhns Wants Sentence Reduced

Adult bookstore operator Earl Stanley Kuhns, currently in jail on an obscenity charge, is back in court in an attempt to have his six-month jail term cut short.

Kuhns, who was found guilty of three counts of selling obscene material in his downtown adult bookstore, requested today that his sentence be reduced from the six-month term set out by a judge some six years ago.

Superior Court Judge Harry Brauer delayed handing down a decision until court transcripts of the sentencing could be examined.

Peter Chang claimed that because one day of the six-month sentence had been reduced by Brauer during sentencing, the judge had the power to reduce the sentence further, according to District Attorney Phil Harry.

Harry argued however that court records showed Kuhns had been sentenced to a straight six months. Because no time had been suspended, Brauer had no jurisdiction to reduce the sentence further, he claimed.

If Brauer rules that he has the power to reduce the sentence, the question will remain whether he decides to shorten the sentence.

Kuhns' wife appeared in court today to testify that Kuhns was needed at home, said Harry.

No date was set for a decision on the sentence.

Kuhns reported to jail for his sentence Sept. 9 after a lengthy legal battle through the court system.

Kuhns lost his last appeal at the U.S. Supreme Court and turned himself in for sentencing.

## Employee Sues District Attorney

A young assistant district attorney, who was fired from her post for "insubordination," is taking District Attorney Phil Harry to court in an attempt to regain her job.

Kathleen Mack, who had been an attorney with the office for one year, has charged she was fired without "due proc-

without being given notice of the proposed dismissal and without a hearing to respond to the charges.

She asks that she be reinstated with full pay because of the faulty firing process.

She also asks that she be paid for the time she was away from the office pending the hearing.