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Book Store Pair Guilty, Jury Finds

K + T

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A seven-woman, five-man jury Thursday afternoon returned a guilty verdict in the sale of pornography trial of Earl Stanley Kuhns and Richard Castner, operators of Frenchy's K and T adult book store, 1013 Pacific Ave.

The guilty verdict came after four hours of deliberation following a nine-day jury trial in Judge Harry Brauer's Municipal Court III in Santa Cruz.

Assistant District Attorney Chris Cottle said he was pleased with the jury's conclusion that "the material in question exceeded the limits of candor" in finding the pair guilty.

The case is continued to June 10 to set a sentencing date.

Informed sources expect a defense motion for new trial and possibly an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court on grounds of civil rights violations. The attorney for the bookstore operators was not available for comment.

Several other cases based on other items sold at the bookstore are pending.