

K + T Bookstore

# Court Asked To Halt Arrests at Bookstore

SANTA CRUZ — A motion to restrain Santa Cruz Police from repeated arrests of operators of Frenchy's K & T Adult Bookstore here was argued in U.S. District Court in San Francisco Friday.

A decision on the motion is expected early next week, said Deputy Dist. Atty. Chris Cottle, who represented the police department at the hearing.

Earl Stanley Kuhns, 44, bookstore owner, Friday said police "harassment" has caused him to close the store. The store has been closed the past two weeks.

"We can't afford to pay \$300 every time the police decide to arrest us," said Kuhns, who with his clerk, Richard A. Castner, 36, have been arrested six times each the past month. The charges against them are offering for sale obscene and pornographic material.

The amount Kuhns referred to was their cost in bailing out after each arrest. At their last arrest bail for them was set at \$1,500 each. The bail fee is 10 per cent of the total bail amount.

In addition, Kuhns said that vandals have caused extensive damage to the store. He said the plate glass windows of the store have been broken twice.

The two men have pleaded innocent to the charges and have asked for a jury trial.

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