

# Council Praises Police For Book Store Actions

Police Chief Gene Pini and his staff received a pat on the back Tuesday from the Santa Cruz city council for their attempts to "clean up" the materials being sold at Frenchy's K and T Adult Book Store.

The book store has been closed, materials confiscated and owners arrested just about every time its doors opened.

Mayor Ernest Wicklund felt Santa Cruz residents "should not be subject to this type of operation," but added present laws restrict the action a law enforcement agency might take against them.

Pini described the materials for sale at the store as pornographic. "I definitely believe it is within the definition of being obscene under section 311.2 of the California Penal Code," he said.

He added he would go along with the statement that "the worst segment of our society wouldn't be caught with it in their garbage cans."

Wicklund felt a resolution should be passed "backing the chief up" in his dealings with the store.

Councilmen directed the city attorney to draw up a resolution thanking the chief and his staff for their actions in the matter, and expressing appreciation to the district attorney's office for its assistance.

Earl Kuhns, 44, co-owner of the store, and Richard Castner, 36, a clerk, both of San Jose, were arraigned Tuesday on sale of

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and Reno," Dymally said.

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pornography charges in Municipal Court, according to the district attorney's office.

They were arrested following a purchase of allegedly pornographic material by an undercover policeman last week. The case was continued to Monday for entry of a plea.

The Santa Cruz Police Department said today it had been served with a Federal District Court restraining order on any further action against the book store.

Some city residents have criticized the city for issuing a business license to owners Kuhns and Jack Topler.

But the license fee process doesn't carry legal weight; it is used only for revenue purposes.

Anyone may get a business license, but issuance of the license does not sanction illegal activity in a store.

That leaves the obscenity section of the State Penal Code as the main vehicle for prosecution.

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