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# INVENTOR SEIZED AS PHONE CHEATER

**Accused of Selling Device  
That Allows Free Calls  
Across the Country**

MIAMI, March 30 (UPI)—  
Investigators said today they  
had arrested the inventor of a  
device that permits callers to  
make free use of the telephone  
company's do-it-yourself long  
distance dialing system. It also  
allows callers to get their dimes  
back on local calls from pay  
telephone booths.

A number of the electronic  
boxes were seized in raids on  
a \$30,000-a-day bookie ring in  
Westchester County last Satur-  
day. They were traced to Wal-  
ter Shaw, 44 years old of  
Miami, a former employe of the  
Southern Bell Telephone Com-  
pany.

Shaw was arrested at his  
home yesterday on a misde-  
meanor charge of violating a  
state law that prohibits the at-  
tachment of unauthorized  
equipment to a telephone.

Assistant State Attorney Ar-  
thur Huttoe said Shaw had in-  
vented the devices and was sell-  
ing them to bookmakers for  
\$1,500 each.

To work, Mr. Huttoe ex-  
plained, the box must be at-  
tached either to the wire or the  
telephone at the receiving point.  
The caller then can use any  
phone, including a pay phone,  
to make a direct dial call to  
the phone equipped with the  
device.

The operator cuts in as usual  
to get the caller's number. After  
that, Mr. Huttoe said, an elec-  
tronic signal from the box in-  
terferes with the telephone sys-  
tem's timing mechanism.

"It is just as if the call had  
not been completed so far as  
the instruments in the exchange  
are concerned," Mr. Huttoe said.  
"You may talk as long as you  
wish and there is no record that  
you ever made the call."