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2 HELD FOR FIXING PHONE FOR BOOKIES

Two men charged with setting up an illegal telephone device for use by bookmakers were arraigned yesterday in Bronx County Court. The device, called a "cheesebox," automatically transfers calls from one telephone to another as protection against police raids.

The men are Max Berger, 51 years old, of 901 East 179th Street, a real estate agent, and William Heblich, 34, of 2147 Bruckner Boulevard, a glazier.

Both were indicted on charges of interference with telephone communications and conspiracy. Heblich was also indicted under the eavesdropping section of the Penal Law and for criminally receiving stolen property. He was held in \$7,500 bail and Berger in \$2,500.

Heblich was arrested March 28 and Berger the next day. The police said that Berger, whose office is at 953 Hoe Avenue, had rented a room at 1106 Freeman Street, in which a legal telephone was installed and a room next door, to which the calls had been transferred.