



Exploding The Phone

db16

www.explodingthephone.com

Bibliographic Cover Sheet

Title	Parents in Bronx, Son on Coast Held In a Phone Fraud
Publication	<i>New York Times</i>
Date	1964-10-22
Abstract	Son in California uses black box to talk with parent in New York toll free.
Keywords	black box; Fullerton, CA; Leslie Wilder (suspect); Benjamin Wilder (suspect); Rose Wilder (suspect)
Source	ProQuest

The following pages may contain copyrighted material. We believe that our use of this material for non-commercial educational and research purposes constitutes "fair use" under Section 107 of U.S. Copyright Law. If you wish to use this material for purposes that go beyond "fair use," you must obtain permission from the copyright owner, if any. While it will make us slightly sad to do so, we will nonetheless comply with requests from copyright owners who want their material removed from our web site.

Parents in Bronx, Son on Coast Held In a Phone Fraud

A young man in Fullerton, Calif., and his parents in the Bronx were arrested last night as they spoke to each other by phone. For the last two months, the police said, the young man and his parents had spoken long, often and illegally.

They used a gadget, the police said, to avoid being charged.

The police said that the young man, Leslie Wilder, who has engineering degrees from Columbia and Stanford Universities, attached the device to his phone in Fullerton. He would dial his parents' home directly and let the phone ring once before hanging up.

His parents, Benjamin and Rose Wilder, would then dial their son's number and talk for up to two hours without cost, the police charged.

The illegal device, the police said, allowed the call to be recorded by the telephone company but prevented the recording of charges.

The telephone company complained recently to the police, the phones of the Wilders were tapped and at 8 o'clock last night the police moved in.

Felony and misdemeanor charges, of tampering with telephones and avoiding payment of charges, were filed against the parents, who live at 2160 Holland Avenue.