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# BOOKMAKING RAIDS STAGED IN 9 CITIES

MIAMI, Jan. 8 (UPI) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation said today that raids in nine cities had broken up a gambling and bookmaking network that used telephone credit cards and electronic gadgets to speed gambling information through the southeastern United States.

The bureau said the operation used telephone credit cards to charge more than 6,500 calls transmitting the gambling information. The calls were charged to companies that proved non-existent, the bureau said.

Cities involved in the operation were Miami, New York, Jersey City, Baltimore, Huntington, W. Va., Baton Rouge, La., New Orleans, Clarksdale, Miss., and Cleveland.

Another device used in the network, the F.B.I. said, was a so-called "blue box," which is hooked up to a telephone and enables the users to make long distance calls without being charged.

Arrested in the Miami raids were Gilbert Lee Beckley, alleged to be the head of the Miami portion of the network; Morton Kane, Martin Skarloff and Kenneth Hanna.

Arrested in New York was Nat Modell, 123 W. 57th Street, who allegedly received calls made by Mr. Hanna with the "blue box."