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Six Israelis Accused of Using Phone 'Blue Box'

Six Israelis living in a Mar Vista area "crash pad" face charges of defrauding the General Telephone Co. by using a "blue box" to make toll-free calls to their homeland, Europe and cities on the East Coast of the United States.

The bill for the calls made between Feb. 27 and March 26 would have exceeded \$2,000, according to district attorney's investigator R. W. Ewen.

Scheduled to appear in Santa Monica Municipal Court for an April 22 preliminary hearing on the charges are Dan Gay, 23, and his 23-year-old wife, Rina; Raphael Milgrom, 28, and his 26-year-old wife, Ruth; Yoel Mehager, 24, and Tzvi Bar-Ilan, 29.

Telephone company investigators reportedly traced calls made to Jerusalem, London, Boston, New York and several cities in Florida to a phone at 12601 Preston Way, where all six defendants were said to be living.

The so-called "blue box" is an electronic device that allows telephone calls to be made by bypassing the normal billing recordation.