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Actor Robert Cummings Arrested -- Fraud Charges

Seattle

Actor Robert Cummings was arrested by Seattle police yesterday and accused of defrauding the telephone company, authorities said.

Booked as Charles Clarence Robert Orville Cummings Jr., the actor was arrested when officers raided a downtown apartment building seeking the user of a "blue box"—described as a sophisticated electronic device that allows the user to bypass phone

company circuits.

Cummings, 65, has been appearing for six weeks at the Cirque Dinner Theater in the comedy-musical "No Hard Feelings."

He was charged with fraudulently obtaining telephone services, a misdemeanor, and with possessing a device used to fraudulently obtain telephone services, a gross misdemeanor.

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