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## Man pleads guilty to fraudulent phone calls

Charles Greer, Jr., 21, Chicago, and formerly of Grand Forks Air Force Base, pleaded guilty in district court Thursday to fraudulently charging telephone calls to air base phone numbers which authorities said totaled \$462.34.

Greer had initially been charged with making 80 phone calls between April 24 and June 8 which totaled \$440.50. However, State's Atty. Thomas B. Jelliff said Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. investigators traced an additional \$21.84 worth of calls to Greer which were made prior to the drawing up of the complaint against him. Greer admitted making the extra calls.

The matter of sentencing was continued until Friday at 10:30 a.m. but Greer's troubles weren't over. He had been free on \$700 bond but it was revoked and he was returned to jail after bail bondsman Kenneth J. Dobmeier asked to be relieved of its responsibility.

According to Dobmeier, Greer had gone home to Chicago without notifying the court of his whereabouts. Dobmeier also said he had not yet received full payment for the bond's premium.

Greer reportedly made the phone calls from an air base duty number. He admitted Thursday that to charge the calls he picked phone numbers at random without knowing whose they were.

One of those numbers turned out to be that of the air base security police.

Most of the calls were made to Chicago or Moorhead, Minn., Greer said. He said he made the calls because he was without money and had family problems. Once he started doing it, he said, it became easier to do.

District Judge A. C. Bakken after questioning Greer about the calls, told him, "You said you had completed one year of college. You should have had no trouble writing letters."

Greer, who said he had no prior record could be liable for a two year prison sentence, a \$1,000 fine or both for committing the fraudulent tele-communications offense.

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## FBI Arrests Suspect In Phone Fraud

(Dispatch News Service)

A Minneapolis man was among several business executives arrested Monday by the FBI in raids on alleged nationwide "blue box" schemes to bypass telephone company billing equipment for free long distance calls.

Simultaneous raids were undertaken by agents at Dallas, Houston, Chicago, Cleveland and Minneapolis.

ARRESTED in Minneapolis was David Harvey Bremson, whose address was given by the FBI as Brooklyn Park.

BREMSON appeared before a federal magistrate in Minneapolis this morning and posted \$5,000 bond.

He and the others, who were charged in other cities, are accused of violating the federal fraud-by-wire statute.

Others arrested were Martin Leibow and Marvin Valencia, president and board chairman, respectively, of the Concord Enterprise Co., and Mrs. Lillie S. Autry and Roland Newsome, president and general manager of Smitty's Air Freight & Expediting Service.

SOURCES HINTED that more arrests might be made at Dallas which they said has become a manufacturing center for the blue box.

Authorities said blue box is a multi-frequency tone generator which is put together for less than \$100 and is no larger than a man's fist. The boxes were reportedly being sold to area businessmen for prices starting at \$3,000.

Richard G. Held, agent in charge of the Minneapolis office of the FBI, said Bremson's arrest followed his alleged use of equipment in placing calls between Minneapolis and LeBank Inc., in Dallas.

The FBI listed no business firm in connection with Bremson.