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CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, Ohio AP - Police arrested 10 Case Western Reserve University students today on charges of using electronic devices to make free long distance telephone calls across the country.

Police confiscated what they called a "blue box," a device which would ring a number combination and enable the students to use long distance telephone lines. Police said most of the students were studying engineering.

Ohio Bell Telephone Co. officials said the matter had been under investigation several months after a computer tripped up phone calls being made free of charge. Police said they also confiscated a newspaper story explaining the operation of the device used to make and intercept long distance calls.

One student was released on a waiver. The others were to be released from custody later in the day. Court appearances were set for May 11.

At Mineola, N.Y., earlier this week a 19-year-old youth was arrested as were eight upstate New York students on charges of using a "blue box" to make free long distance phone calls.

Seized by Nassau County authorities was Peter Mokover, a sophomore at the New York Institute of Technology.

An investigation led to Mokover's telephone, and telephones to Potsdam, N.Y., where six other youths are students at Clarkson Institute of Technology and two at the State University at Potsdam.

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