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Computers Join Campaign Against Telephone Fraud

BOSTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—The New England Telephone Com-

pany has enlisted computers in the fight against people who cheat on long-distance calls.

Peter Cronin, a spokesman for the company, said, "If we close our eyes and do nothing, all telephone years would have

all telephone users would have to shoulder the added costs caused by these abusers."

Operators' ability to check computer cards by computer, combined with devices that detect electronic fraud, have substantially reduced toll fraud. stantially reduced toll fraud, Mr. Cronin added.