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Abstract	Kenneth Spacil, Robert Helms, Francis Mitchell, and Mrs. Helen Williams arrested for blue box fraud in PA. Carl Teets, security manager, says the PA group is part of a "nucleus of 50-60 persons" and had cost the phone company about \$500K over two years. Two others arrested in Memphis, TN
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(PHONES)

PHILADELPHIA--BELL TELEPHONE CO. ANNOUNCED TODAY THE ARREST OF FOUR PENNSYLVANIANS IN CONNECTION WITH A NATIONWIDE CRACKDOWN ON ORGANIZED "PHONE PHREAKS" WHO USE AN ELECTRONIC GADGET TO MAKE ILLUMINATE TOLL CALLS.

CARL TERTS, HEADQUARTERS SECURITY MANAGER FOR BELL IN PENNSYLVANIA, ESTIMATED THE RING HAD COST PHONE COMPANIES NATIONWIDE ABOUT \$500,000 DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS. HE SAID THE RING HAD A ROSTER OF 50 TO 60 PERSONS.

THOSE ARRESTED WERE IDENTIFIED AS MARCEL E. WELCH, 29, NEWTON, AND MRS. HELEN WILLIAMS, 40, OF WEST CHESTER, BOTH PHONE COMPANY EMPLOYEES; KENNETH M. SPACIL, 19, GLEN ROOSE, AND ROBERT HELMS, 18, DOWNINGTOWN.

TERTS SAID IN ADDITION TO THE FOUR ARRESTED IN THEIR OWNERSHIP COUNTY HOMES, TWO OTHER SUSPECTS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

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