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Two men sentenced for phone call fraud

COLUMBUS (AP) — Two men sentenced yesterday were the first in the state to be convicted of using electronic "blue boxes" to make long-distance calls without being billed.

Marvin W. Levy, 22, of

Columbus, and William J. Waters, 26, of Chillicothe, were given prison terms of three years by Judge Joseph Kinneary in U.S. District Court.

They will serve six months in jail and two and a half years probation, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office said. Maximum sentence for violation of the "fraud by wire" statute is five years in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

The two were indicted in February following separate investigations by the FBI with the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. and the Chillicothe Telephone Co. Both entered the pleas of guilty April 19.

A spokesman for Ohio Bell said the decision was "a strong example of the company's vigorous efforts to identify and convict persons who make fraudulent long-distance calls."