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ELECTRONIC TOLL FRAUD - Arrest and Conviction of John Draper, aka Captain Crunch

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DISTRICT SECURITY MANAGERS:

Attached, for your information, is a case summary on the arrest of John Draper in Pennsylvania.

On August 18th he was fined \$500 and began a 3-6 month sentence in a county jail.

We understand that upon completion of his sentence in Pennsylvania, he will face parole violation charges in California.

N. J. AMICK DISTRICT SECURITY MANAGER

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All material was associated with telephone fraud and phone freaking.

Andrew Wright and John Draper were arrested for Possession of Devices, Theft of Service and Conspiracy. They were arraigned at the District Magistrate's Office; Mr. Wright being released on bail. Mr. Draper was remained to the County Prison in lieu of \$10,000 bail where he remained for thirty days before obtaining, from a unknown source, the required \$10,000 in cash.

11/77 - Preliminary hearings were held in Monroe County. Prima Facie cases were established and both parties were held for court.

For five months, suppression items were raised: motions to quash and dismissal issues were presented, charges were raised that the State statutes were unconstitutional, the evidence was tainted, the chain of evidence broken, that the Miranda Rights were not given, that Security conducted the search and interrogated John Draper.

Judge Thomson upheld all suppression and motions in favor of the Commonwealth. The quash on Andrew Wright was sustained due to the Sol 20 computer having not been modified and not capable to commit toll fraud. The decision to appeal the quash issue was dropped. Charges against Andrew Wright were dismissed.

To maintain control in prosecution, the Commonwealth prepared its case on Possession of a Device and that said device did commit theft, that said device (Apple Computer) was owned and operated by John Draper. From June 6, 1978 through June 19, 1978, additional motions and suppression items were raised by the Defense. These were upheld by the court in favor of the Commonwealth.

John Thomas Draper AKA Captain Crunch, having been charged under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code (18 P.S. 910,1,i) did possess an instrument apparatus or device; designed, adapted or which can be used for commissi of theft of telecommunications service, to wit: Did possess an Apple Computer and software programs, therefore, designed and adapted for the commission of theft of telecommunication service.

Trial was held June 19, 1978, in the Court of Common Pleas of the 43rd Judicial District, Monroe County, Criminal Division before the Honorable Judge Harold A. Thomson, Jr. John Draper pled guilty to Possession and Use of an Apple Computer, related software programs for said Computer and a telephone line interface, designed, adapted and used for the commission of theft of telecommunication service by means of multi-frequency tones (Blue Box) and by "WATS Extending" through remote access.

Judge Thomson ordered pre-sentencing review prior to sentencing which is to take place within approximately thirty days.

The Assistant United States Attorney for the District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania is satisfied as is the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the State conviction and will not proceed in the Federal indictment which was scheduled for July 1978, for Federal Fraud By Wire. The Federal Probation Office, Scranton and California have been notified.

John Draper's Federal probation expires January 26, 1982. This probation stems from a guilty plea in Federal Court, Judge Peckham, California Dockets 72-973 and 76-223.

Acknowledgement has been made to those associated companies for their assistance throughout the investigation and their continued support leading to a successful conviction.