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BROADCAST EXCERPT

NEWSCASTER: There's this report where the telephone company admitted taping millions of long distance calls and attorney for AT&T told Action News the taping was done to catch people who were using the device, the little blue box, that would home in on line signals and make free calls anywhere. I asked Mr. Caming how many of the calls were taped?

CAMING: A very small proportion that were illegally placed were taped. And other calls were preliminarily taped as they were scanned, but this was in locked, automatic equipment and when the call was established to be lawful it was automatically erased.

NEWSCASTER: Limited or not limited, is it legal for the phone company to still record voices of individuals making phone calls?

CAMING: Yes, it is lawful. It is absolutely essential if the theft is to be detected.

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