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**Title**            **FBI File 87-LA-41854: Unknown Subject; Distribution of Blue Boxes at Los Angeles, CA**

**Date**            1975-11-18

**Author(s)**     FBI

**Abstract**       Investigation into two individuals allegedly manufacturing and using blue boxes. Related in some way to equipment from Venice High School.

**Keywords**     blue box; FBI; Los Angeles, CA; Venice High School

**Notes**           Originally obtained as part of FOIPA 1065071 (phreaks)

**Source**          FBI via FOIA

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# FILES AND RECORDS DESTRUCTION ORDER

Date 12/10/75

TO: SAC, LA  
FROM: [Redacted]  
RE: File No. 87-4854

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I have reviewed this file, and under the criteria set forth in Part II, Section 3, of Manual of Rules and Regulations, this file should be:

**Destroyed**

under the  120-day Rule  1-year Rule  5-year Rule  10-year Rule

**Retained**

**Justification for Retention is as Follows:**

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Case Agent's Initials [Signature]  
Supervisor's Initials [Signature]

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# Memorandum

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TO : ADIC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 11/18/75

FROM : RELIEF SUPERVISOR [redacted]

SUBJECT: *Unsub; Distributor of Blue Boxes*  
~~BLUE BOXES~~ at [redacted]  
*Los Angeles, Calif.*

On 11/18/75, Officer [redacted] of the West Los Angeles Police Department telephonically furnished the following information:

He advised that he learned from an anonymous source that a tremendous amount of "blue boxes" are available for sale in [redacted] Officer [redacted] advised that he recently attending our White Collar Crime Conferences and was aware that we had an interest in these boxes.

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*[Handwritten notes and signatures]*

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UNSUB:  
 DISTRIBUTOR OF BLUE BOXES  
 [REDACTED]  
 (Title) LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
 (File No.) 87-41854\*

Item	Date Filed		Disposition
1.	12/15/75	Copy of arrest record re: [REDACTED]	(arr)
2.	12/15/75	Copy of arrest record re: [REDACTED]	(arr)

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 FBI - LOS ANGELES  
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File No. 87-41854-1a1  
Date Received 12/2/75 b6  
From LAPD b7C  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)  
[Empty box for address]

To Be Returned  Yes  No      Receipt Given  Yes  No

Description:  
Copy of arrest Record  
[Empty box for description]

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File No. 87-41854-102

Date Received 12/2/75

From LAPD  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

SA

To Be Returned  Yes  No

Receipt Given  Yes  No

Description :

Copy of arrest record

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (87-41854) (C)

DATE: 11/25/75

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
Distributor of Blue Boxes  
[redacted]  
Los Angeles, California  
OO: Los Angeles

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Re memo SA [redacted] dated 11/18/75.

On 11/24/75, [redacted] West Los Angeles Police Department, telephone [redacted] telephonically advised his office has no interest in captioned matter and has furnished all information to [redacted] Venice Police Department, telephone [redacted] since unsub reportedly also has at that address, electronic equipment taken in a burglary at the Venice High School.

On 11/24/75, [redacted] Venice Police Department was telephonically contacted and advised he is currently investigating captioned matter along with the theft of the electronics equipment from Venice High School. [redacted] also advised [redacted] and [redacted] General Telephone, telephone [redacted] are assisting him in the investigation of captioned matter.

[redacted] further advised he has developed two possible suspects who reside at captioned location and described them as follows:

Name [redacted]  
Race White  
Sex Male  
Height 6' 1"

[redacted]

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(1) [redacted]

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SERIALIZED [redacted] FILED [redacted]  
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Stripped  
Initials [redacted]  
Date 12/15/75

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Weight 149 pounds  
Hair Blond  
Eyes Hazel  
Date of Birth [redacted]  
Los Angeles  
Police Department  
Number [redacted]

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Name [redacted]  
Race white  
Sex Male  
Height 5' 11"  
Weight 170 pounds  
Date of Birth [redacted]  
Hair Brown  
Eyes Hazel  
Los Angeles  
Police Department  
Number [redacted]

In a meeting on 11/25/75, between SA [redacted]  
[redacted] FBI, Los Angeles, [redacted] Venice  
Police Department, and [redacted] General Tele-  
phone, SA [redacted] advised both [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] that since there is no Federal violation, and  
captioned matter is being investigated by Venice Police  
Department, no investigation would be conducted by the  
FBI.

It is recommended this case be closed  
administratively.



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ADDENDUM

On 12/3/75 [redacted] Venice Police Department, was telephonically contacted and advised he has received information that the aforementioned electronics equipment from Venice High School and the blue boxes are no longer at captioned location.

[redacted] further advised he has no indication or reason to believe [redacted] [redacted] are using or manufacturing blue boxes, and any information he should receive regarding the possibility of their using or manufacturing blue boxes he will immediately furnish to this office.