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Title           **FBI File 52-MM-6426: Unknown Subject; Attempted Sale of Blue Boxes and Stolen FCC Beepers; OO: Miami**

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Abstract       Investigation into attempted sale of blue boxes and stolen FCC beepers.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (52-6426) (C)

DATE: 2/5/80

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

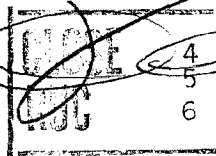
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ATTEMPTED SALE OF BLUE  
BOXES AND STOLEN FCC  
BEEPERS AND BASE STATIONS  
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On 12/4/79, [REDACTED] Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Miami, Florida, advised SA [REDACTED] that above agency has had no reported incidents of stolen base stations or beepers from any of their interstate shipment. [REDACTED] advised that there are only twenty-six FCC offices in the entire U. S., and that none of these offices would order a shipment of base stations and beepers in the quantity alleged stolen and offered for sale by the subject. [REDACTED] further advised that radios utilized by the FCC are manufactured by Motorola, RCA, etc., and would have been part of their shipment and not the FCC's, if stolen.

On or about 12/1/79, complainant [REDACTED] met with subject [REDACTED] at which time [REDACTED] was unable to produce captioned base stations and beepers, claiming he had no more of these available for sale.

In so far as the FCC was unable to confirm theft of any government property, and subject was unable to produce captioned items, no further investigation being conducted by Miami.

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On December 4, 1979, [redacted]  
Federal Communications Commission (FCC), 51 SW 1st Avenue,  
Miami, Florida. telephone number [redacted] was interviewed by  
Special Agent [redacted] and advised as follows:

The FCC in Miami, Florida has had no reported incidents  
of stolen base stations or "beepers" from any of their interstate  
shipments.

[redacted] stated that there is no such thing as an "FCC beeper"  
per se [redacted] said that the radios utilized by the FCC are manufactured  
and subsequently shipped by Motorola, General Electric, or RCA,  
and would consequently have been part of their shipment of stolen.

[redacted] advised that there are only twenty-six FCC offices  
in the entire United States, and that none of these offices  
would ever order a shipment of base stations and beepers in the  
quantity alleged stolen and offered for sale by the subject.

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by SA [redacted] :les Date dictated 12/7/79

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/3/80

On January 29, 1980, [redacted] Station 1,  
Dade County Public Safety Department (DCPSD), Miami, Florida,  
telephone number [redacted] was telephonically contacted by  
Special Agent [redacted] and advised as follows:

[redacted]

[redacted] advised that he would notify the FBI if  
DCPSD received any positive information regarding subject  
[redacted]

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by SA [redacted] :les Date dictated 2/1/80

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On December 4, 1979

[redacted] was interviewed by  
Special Agent [redacted] and advised as follows:

[redacted] who offered to sell  
[redacted] stolen FCC beepers, base stations, and telephone "blue boxes".

[redacted] said that [redacted]  
[redacted] and show [redacted] above merchandise and then [redacted] could  
decide whether or not he wished to purchase any of the beepers  
or "blue boxes". [redacted]  
and showed him one of the telephone blue boxes, but stated he  
did not have any more base stations or FCC beepers available.  
At this time [redacted] advised [redacted] that he would soon be in possession  
of a stolen shipment of color television sets, if [redacted] was  
interested in purchasing one of these also.

[redacted] stated that in addition to notifying the FBI in  
Miami of the above, he also contacted [redacted] of the  
Dade County Public Safety Department in Miami, telephone [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he could provide no further information  
regarding the above, and that he was waiting for further contact  
from [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] les Date dictated 12/6/79

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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b7DDate of transcription 12/7/79

On December 4, 1979, [redacted] Station 1,  
Dade County Public Safety Department, Miami, Florida, telephone  
number [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] and advised as follows:

[redacted] stated that he had been contacted by an individual  
named [redacted] who advised him that he in turn had been  
contacted by an individual named [redacted] who had  
offered to sell him stolen Federal Communication Commission (FCC)  
beepers, blue boxes and color television sets.

[redacted]  
[redacted] said that he would immediately notify the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation when [redacted] was taken into custody and  
allow Bureau Agents to interview [redacted] regarding the alleged  
theft of FCC beepers and telephone blue boxes.

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by SA [redacted] :les Date dictated 12/6/79

## Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI

DATE: 11/29/79

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FROM : SC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

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[REDACTED]  
ATTEMPTED SALE OF BLUE BOXES AND  
STOLEN FCC BEEPERS AND BASE STATIONS  
TGP; ~~too~~

On the instant date [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephonically  
advised the writer an individual using the name of  
[REDACTED] contacted him [REDACTED] in an  
attempt to sell him stolen FCC beepers and telephone blue  
boxes.[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] claimed he had six or seven  
base stations, each station having approximately 100 beepers,  
which were stolen from a shipment belonging to the FCC.  
[REDACTED] advised the beepers and base stations were "intercepted"  
in Miami. In addition to this [REDACTED] claimed he could  
supply [REDACTED] with an unlimited quantity of "blue Boxes".  
To support this claim, [REDACTED] showed  
[REDACTED] a blue box.[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] contacting [REDACTED] in an effort  
to sell the beepers and blue boxes. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]Miami indices contain no information on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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