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Abstract       Investigation into use of blue box in the Washington, DC area.  
Prosecution declined but subject made restitution to phone company.

Keywords      blue box; Washington, DC; Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone

Source         FBI via FOIA

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

April 30, 2009

Subject: CHESAPEAKE AND POTOMAC TELEPHONE  
COMPANY (1950-1980)  
FOIPA No. 1125195- 000

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Sincerely yours,



David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

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THE CHESAPEAKE AND POTOMAC TELEPHONE COMPANY

1825 K STREET, NORTHWEST, ROOM 915

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

EARL A. CONNOR  
STAFF SUPERVISOR—SECURITY

AREA CODE 202  
TELEPHONE  
392-3866

May 17, 1976

Mr. Nick Stames  
Special Agent-in-Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington Field Office  
Old Post Office Building  
12th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stames:

This will serve to inform you that The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company has reason to believe that instances of interstate electronic toll fraud have been committed against it in Washington, D. C., through the use of an electronic toll fraud device commonly known as a "Blue Box" which appears to violate Section 1343 of Title 18 U. S. Code and other applicable laws.

We are prepared to disclose evidence of such criminal activities in our possession upon receipt of a subpoena issued by a court of competent jurisdiction or on demand of other lawful authority within the meaning of Section 605 of Title 47 U. S. Code.

The specific evidence is in the possession of [REDACTED] in our office. It is requested that the subpoena or other demand be served on me at The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company Security Office, 1825 K Street, N. W., Room 715, Washington, D. C.

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The assistance of your office in the prosecution of this case is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - Security

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*LMR*  
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JUN 1 1976	
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UNSUB,  
ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD  
COP TELEPHONE COMPANY,  
W.D.C., THROUGH USE OF  
A "BLUE BOX"

WSP - FBW  
OO: WFO





File No. 87-22106 - 1A1

Date Received 5-21-76

From \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
[REDACTED] AND STATE) b6  
[REDACTED] b7C  
\_\_\_\_\_  
[REDACTED] OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes      Receipt Given ☐ Yes  
☐ No                                      ☐ No

Description :

[REDACTED]

*INTERVIEW NOTES*

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PHONE CALL 800

A. 800 NUMBER - GETS HIM ANSWER - OUTSIDE  
OF LOCAL OFFICE TO TOLL OFFICE  
IN DISTANCE

B. THEN REQUESTS TONES TO LOCAL NUMBER,  
TOLL NETWORK RESPONDS TO MULTIFREQUENCY TONES  
PERMIT -

② USE OF BLUE BOX

- ONLY IN TOLL NETWORK - DISCONNECT WITH 2600 HZ <sup>b6</sup>  
<sup>b7C</sup>  
TONE & THEN BY USE OF BLUE BOX, MULTI-  
FREQUENCY TONE, AT TIMES.

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How to SPOT

- BY SCANNING 800 NUMBERS - COMPUTER PRINT OUT  
LOOK FOR UNUSUAL PATTERN -



File No. 87-22106-1A2  
Date Received 5-21-76  
From [REDACTED]  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)  
CAP TELEPHONE CO b6  
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR) b7C  
WDC  
(CITY AND STATE)  
[REDACTED]  
(SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description : SECURITY CHAS REPORT  
#23-387

THE CHESAPEAKE AND POTOMAC TELEPHONE COMPANY

SECURITY CASE REPORT

FILE NO. 23-387

SUBJECT Fraudulent Use of Toll Service  
- Blue Box - LOCATION Washington, D. C.  
NAME(S) [REDACTED] ADDRESS [REDACTED]

SYNOPSIS

During the normal course of reviewing long duration calls made to In-Wats (800) numbers, it was observed that during the period from March 25, 1976 to April 22, 1976, sixteen (16) calls originated from [REDACTED] to In-Wats numbers 800-523-5720 and 800-325-3535. (See Attachment A). The listings for these In-Wats numbers are as follows: 800-523-5720 - Amtrak; 800-325-3535 - Sheraton Inn Reservations.

DETAILS

A check of Business Office records for 543-5742 revealed service was established in August, 1975; in the name of [REDACTED] Credit information has social security number [REDACTED] employed [REDACTED] Long distance calls from the October 10, 1975 through April 10, 1976 billing period showed an average of four (4) calls a month. (See Attachment B).

Based on the high number of long duration In-Wats calls originating from residence telephone service [REDACTED] a Dial Number Recorder was connected to the service on April 30, 1976. During the period from April 30, 1976 to May 3, 1976, thirty (30) occurrences of 2600 cycle tone being applied to the line were recorded. Multi-frequency tones were applied for the following telephone numbers. (See Attachment C and D.)

On May 5, 1976, a request was submitted to our Legal Department requesting approval to attach a tape recorder for the purpose of gathering evidence for prosecution.

Approval to attach a tape recorder was received on May 12, 1976.

On May 13, 1976, the tape recorder was attached to the Dial Number Recorder, connected to telephone number [REDACTED] The tape recorder was arranged to be activated for a period of one (1) minute upon receipt of 2600 cycle tone through the Dial Number Recorder.

REFERRED BY \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TEL. NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
ASSIGNED TO \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OPENED 4-29-76 DATE CLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ MAN- HOURS \_\_\_\_\_  
POLICE REPORT \_\_\_\_\_ VALUE LOST \_\_\_\_\_ VALUE RECOVERED \_\_\_\_\_  
(Officer's Name, Precinct and Case No.) PERSONNEL \_\_\_\_\_  
ARRESTS \_\_\_\_\_ CONVICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_ DIS. \_\_\_\_\_ SUS. \_\_\_\_\_ RES. \_\_\_\_\_ CL. \_\_\_\_\_  
DISTRIBUTION \_\_\_\_\_ BONDING REPORT \_\_\_\_\_ REVIEWED BY \_\_\_\_\_

FILE NO. 23-387

On May 17, 1976, a letter was sent to Mr. Nick Stames, Special Agent-In-Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office, requesting assistance.

The tape recorder was removed from the line on May 18, 1976, at which time the first minute of seven completed calls was recorded. (See Attachment G and H.)

Date 5/13/76

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Title and Character of Case

UNSUB;  
ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD C & P,  
(THROUGH USE OF BLUE BOY)  
ITSP, FBW (OO:WFO)

Date Property Acquired <b>5/2/76</b>	Source From Which Property Acquired <b>C &amp; P</b>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <b>DRAWER</b>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same <b>EVIDENCE</b>
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

SA  C-2

- (1) 16 IBM CARDS REFLECTING CALLS FROM  to 800-523-5720 and 800-325-3535 BETWEEN 3/25/76 - 4/22/76.
- (2) SUBSCRIBERS TO CALLS MADE THROUGH BLUE BOY BETWEEN 4/30/76 - 5/13/76.
- (3) DIAL NUMBER RECORDER TAPE FOR ITEM 2.
- (4) DIAL NUMBER RECORDER TAPE FOR PERIOD 5/12/76 - 5/18/76.

*above returned  
to C+P 4/12/77*

SA

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*R.P.*

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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

Field File # 87-22106-1B1

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/24/76

[redacted] Security Department, The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, 1825 K Street, N.W., Room 115, furnished the following information concerning the process of bypassing normal toll call billing procedures through the use of an electronic device commonly referred to as a "blue box":

By dialing 800 and then seven subsequent numbers, an individual is able to call from his local area to a toll office in a distant city, however, since 800 is a toll free number, he would not incur any cost. Technically speaking, when the call begins on the local level, single frequency tones are emitted per digit, but once in the toll network, there is a conversion of the tones to multi frequency digits. Multi frequency tones cannot be produced by the caller's telephone but only in a toll office.

Should an individual come into possession of a "blue box", he would use it in the following manner:

Once in the toll network by dialing ten digits, he would then disconnect the call by emitting a 2600 cycle tone from the box. He would still be in the toll network, and although the telephone company would only have a record of the original call, he would be able to redial anywhere through the use of the blue box which utilizes a multi frequency tone. Noted by [redacted] was the fact that since the blue box is used to save money, most users use the 800 network.

It is through the repeated use of the 800 network that unusual patterns are discovered, which brings the caller into suspicion, and computers are programmed to kick out any phone call lasting over 8 minutes on this In-Wats system.

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] HBA:dtl Date dictated 5/24/76

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[REDACTED]  
OPERATOR'S PERMIT RECORD

PERMIT: 195404157

NAME : [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

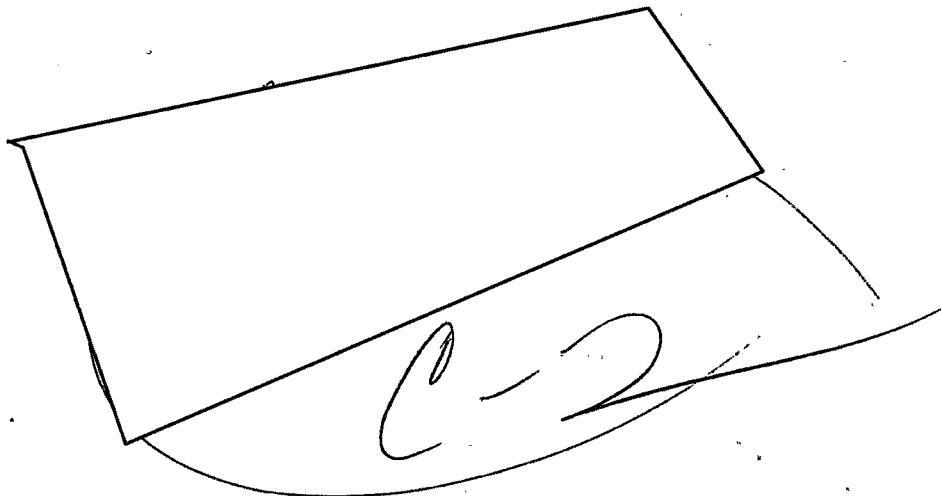
WASHINGTON

EXPIRES: 02/25/80 TYPE: REGULAR

[REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

6/3/76

Date of transcription

[redacted] Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, 1825 K Street, N.W., Room 715, furnished the following information:

During the normal course of reviewing long duration calls made to In-Wats (800) numbers, it was observed that during the period from March 25, 1976 to April 26, 1976, 16 calls originated from telephone number [redacted] to In-Wats numbers 800-523-5720 (Amtrak), and 800-325-3535 (Sheraton Inn Reservations). Inasmuch as these telephone calls lasted from 9 minutes to 47 minutes, there was probable cause to believe that the individual calling from [redacted] was engaged in Interstate Electronic Toll Fraud through the use of an electronic toll fraud device commonly referred to as a "blue box", and thereafter the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company conducted an investigation into this matter.

A check of business records for telephone number [redacted] revealed service was established in August of 1975 in the name of [redacted]

[redacted] Long distance calls from October 10, 1975 through April 10, 1976 billing period showed an average of 4 calls a month.

Based on the large number of long duration In-Wats calls originating from telephone number [redacted] a dial number recorder was connected to the service on April 30, 1976. During the period from April 30, 1976 to May 3, 1976, 30 occurrences of the 2600 cycle tone being applied to the line were recorded, which would indicate the use of the "blue box". In addition, multi-frequency tones, indigenous to the use of a "blue box" and unable to be applied by a regular telephone, were applied for the following telephone numbers:

Telephone Number Called	Date of Call	Time of Call	Subscriber
305-248-0912	4/30/76	3:21 p.m.	Sun Transmission, Homestead, Florida

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] HBA:pja Date dictated 5/27/76

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<u>Telephone Number Called</u>	<u>Date of Call</u>	<u>Time of Call</u>	<u>Subscriber</u>
305- 248-0912	4/30/76	3:22 p.m.	Sun Transmission, Homestead, Florida
	4/30/76	3:23 p.m.	
	4/30/76	3:23 p.m. (lasted until 3:31 p.m.)	
	4/31/76	2:29 p.m.	
	4/31/76	2:30 p.m.	
	4/31/76	5:06 p.m.	
	4/31/76	5:06 p.m.	
	4/31/76	5:07 p.m.	
	4/31/76	5:07 p.m.	
	4/31/76	5:08 p.m.	
	4/31/76	5:08 p.m.	
	4/31/76	5:09 p.m.	
	4/31/76	5:10 p.m.	

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<u>Telephone Number Called</u>	<u>Date of Call</u>	<u>Time of Call</u>	<u>Subscriber</u>
607- 256-6998	4/31/76	5:10 p.m. (lasted until 5:33 p.m.)	Cornell University Dome Ser- vice
	4/31/76	6:45 p.m.	
	4/31/76	6:45 p.m.	
	4/31/76	6:46 p.m.	
	4/31/76	6:46 p.m. (lasted until 6:51 p.m.)	
	4/32/76	11:59 a.m.	
	4/32/76	12:00 p.m.	
	4/32/76	12:00 p.m.	
	4/32/76	12:01 p.m.	
	4/32/76	12:01 p.m.	
	4/32/76	12:02 p.m.	
518- 463-1539	4/32/76	12:02 p.m. (lasted until 12:28 p.m.)	
	5/3/76	12:44 a.m.	

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<u>Telephone Number Called</u>	<u>Date of Call</u>	<u>Time of Call</u>	<u>Subscriber</u>
312- 440-1732	5/3/76	12:45 a.m.	Non-published
[redacted]	5/3/76	12:45 a.m.	[redacted]
[redacted]	5/3/76	12:46 a.m. (lasted until 12:52 a.m.)	[redacted]

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[redacted] noted that inasmuch as the dial number recorder is not programmed to automatically change with the month, this has to be done manually and therefore those dates reading April 31, 1976 should, in fact, be May 1, 1976, while those dates reading April 32, 1976 should, in fact, be May 2, 1976.

[redacted] stated that on May 5, 1976, a request was submitted to his legal department regarding approval to attach a tape recorder to the dial number recorder for the purpose of gathering evidence for prosecution relative to violation of the Fraud by Wire Statute, Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1343. Approval to attach the tape recorder was received on May 12, 1976, and on the following day a tape recorder was attached to the dial number recorder connected to telephone number [redacted].

The tape recorder was arranged to be activated for a period of one minute upon receipt of the 2600 cycle tone through the dial number recorder. The tape recorder was removed from the line on May 18, 1976, at which time the first minute of 7 completed phone calls were recorded. The original tape recording of these phone calls are in the possession of his office.

At the conclusion of the interview, the following items were furnished to SA [redacted]

1. 16 IBM cards reflecting phone calls from telephone number [redacted] to In-Wats numbers [redacted] and 800-325-3535.

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2. A list of subscribers to individuals called through the use of a "blue box" between the period of April 30, 1976 to May 3, 1976.

3. The dial number recorder tape connected to number [redacted] between April 30, 1976 and May 3, 1976.

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4. The dial number recorder tape connected to number [redacted] between May 13, 1976 and May 18, 1976.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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b7cDate of transcription 5/27/76

[redacted] The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, 1825 K Street, N. W., Room 715, made available for listening purposes, tape recordings of conversations on telephone number [redacted], which were recorded for one minute each after the Dial Number Recorder, to which the tape recorder was attached, was activated upon receipt of a 2600 cycle tone.

The tape recording covered a period of telephone calls between May 13, 1976 and May 17, 1976, and a total of seven completed calls were recorded.

It was determined through listening to the calls, that the caller was an individual named [redacted] who was apparently enrolled in [redacted]

[redacted] stated that after listening to the tape recordings, he learned that one of the residents of [redacted] where the telephone number is in service is [redacted]. This individual is presently [redacted]

Accordingly, he suspected that this individual was using the "blue box" at telephone number [redacted]

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 5/25/76  
[redacted] HBA:lgm

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Washington Field Office, Room 506  
WFO 87-22106 Old Post Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20535  
July 13, 1976

United States Attorney  
Washington, D. C. 20001

Attention: Assistant United States Attorney  
Donald Campbell

Dear Sir:

Re: [REDACTED]  
Interstate Transportation of Stolen  
Property - Fraud by Wire

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This letter serves to confirm conversations between  
Special Agent [REDACTED] and Assistant United States  
Attorney (AUSA) Donald Campbell on May 25, 1976 and June 10,  
1976.

On May 25, 1976, AUSA Campbell was advised that  
captioned individual was identified by the Chesapeake and  
Potomac Telephone Company as operating "blue box" from a  
District of Columbia telephone number and this appeared to be  
in violation of Fraud by Wire statute. Investigation conducted  
by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company identified  
[REDACTED]

At that time, AUSA Campbell advised that based upon  
preliminary investigation conducted by the Chesapeake and  
Potomac Telephone Company, he would not entertain any prosecu-  
tion in this matter since it has been the policy of his office  
not to prosecute "blue box" cases when there is an absence of  
phone calls being used for illegitimate businesses. AUSA Campbell  
requested the FBI to continue their investigation in an attempt  
to return the blue box to the phone company. ✓

2- Addressee

①- WFO

HBA:rag  
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On June 11, 1976, AUSA Campbell advised that the FBI should discontinue their investigation in this matter, [redacted] in the presence of an attorney returned the "blue box" to his office and promised to make a full restitution to the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.

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In view of the above, the Washington Field Office is conducting no further investigation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Nick F. Stames,  
Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, WFO (87-22106)(C)

DATE: 4/12/77

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
ITSP - FRAUD BY WIRE  
(OO:WFO)

On 3/31/77 telephonic contact was made with [REDACTED] C & P Telephone Company, 1825 K Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. (WDC), telephone 392-3861.

[REDACTED] requested that items currently being maintained by the WFO as evidentiary items be returned to the C & P Telephone Company in view of the fact that were no longer needed at WFO. [REDACTED] explained that these materials could be used for training purposes at C & P Telephone Company.

In view of [REDACTED] request, these items were returned on 4/12/77.

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