

Police Now Recording Quizzing of Prisoners

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"... and anything you say may be held against you."

The phrase, part of the grudging advice police are now required to give those suspected of a crime, will be tape recorded countless times at Manhattan's 20th police precinct over the next few months.

Two baseball-sized microphones are in place on the ceiling of the small war surplus green interrogation room at the station house. All interrogations which take place there will be monitored.

Tamper-Proof

The tape recorder, "tamper-proof" police say, is located in the next room.

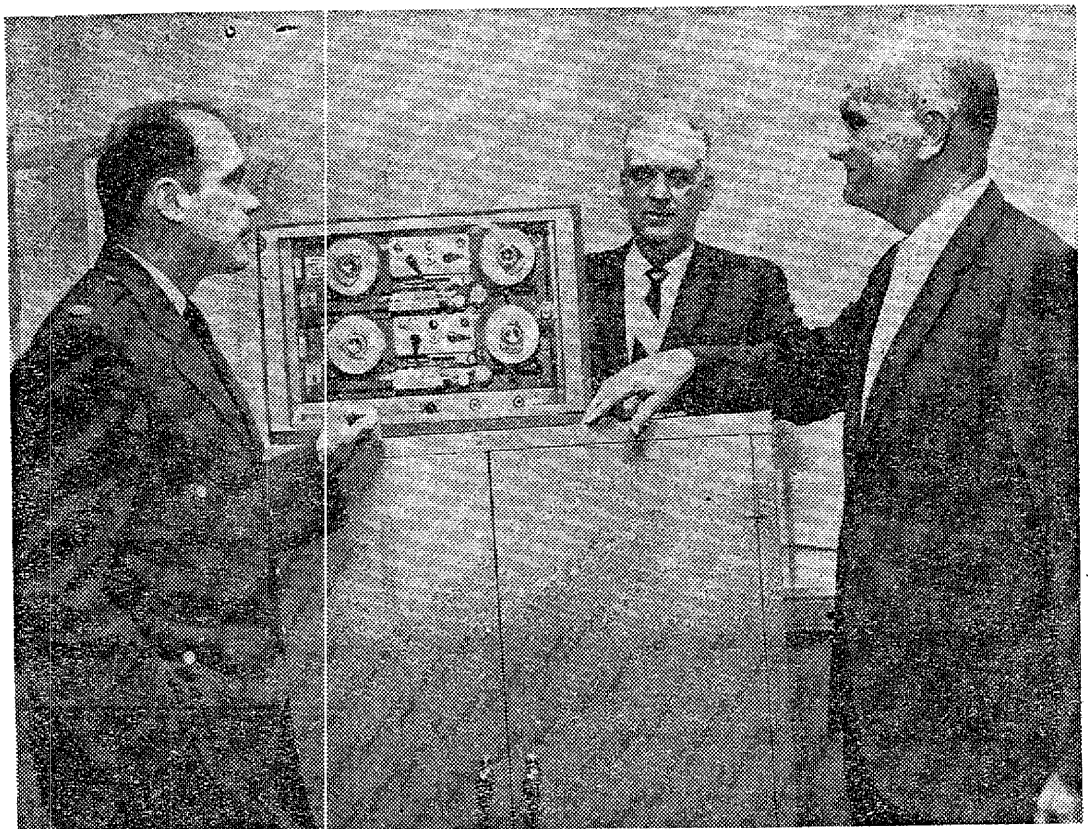
It's all part of an experiment being conducted by New York police, in cooperation with the District Attorney's office partly to determine the effect of the Supreme Court's Miranda decision on police procedure and partly to provide evidence that rules laid down by the court in that decision are being obeyed by local police.

Assistant Chief Inspector Harry Taylor demonstrated the equipment explained its purposes at a press conference yesterday afternoon.

Taylor said that all interro-

gations of suspected felons would be recorded and some of those accused of serious misdemeanors. He added that "it's quite possible that the tapes will be used in court" to prove that a defendant had been advised of his rights.

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Police monitoring device is discussed (from left) by Deputy Inspector. Jack Lusting, Lt. Joseph McCormick and Asst. Chief Inspector Harry Taylor.

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