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FBI Man Denies Use Of Bugs in Hoffa Case

CHATTAHOOGA, Tenn., Aug. 22 (UPI)—An FBI agent testified today that the only electronic equipment he used in an investigation of the Teamsters Union in the Detroit area was a commercial FM receiver.

The testimony came as lawyers for Teamsters President James R. Hoffa and three co-defendants in his 1964 jury-tampering trial attempted to prove that the Justice Department carried out illegal eavesdropping.

Paul Eiden, an FBI agent in Detroit, said he recorded conversations overheard in the Teamsters investigation from 1961 to 1963. However, he said that the FM equipment was all he used.

"That was the only unit

available on which I would have overheard any of the Teamsters," Eiden said.

Eiden said there was other electronic equipment used for surveillance in the Detroit office, but none of it related to the Teamsters investigation.

The defense aims to establish that the Justice Department conducted a massive eavesdropping effort against the Teamsters Union and Hoffa.

Hoffa, serving an eight-year sentence for his jury-tampering conviction here, contends that Justice Department bugging violated his constitutional rights.

Another FBI man, Theodore Klimaszewski, has said he monitored Teamsters Union officials on commercial FM equipment in Detroit in 1961.

The radio gear apparently picked up calls from mobile telephone units.

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