

**FEDERAL JUDGE BARS
A 'SNOOPING' DEVICE**

DETROIT, July 6 (AP) — United States District Judge Wade H. McCree Jr. ruled Wednesday that Federal agents may not use a snooping device called a "pen register" to find out who makes telephone calls to whom.

Judge McCree quashed the search warrants that authorized raids two years ago on 16 alleged gambling dens, and suppressed gambling evidence agents said was found in the places raided.

He said information obtained by the Internal Revenue Service from the Michigan Bell Telephone Company had been obtained illegally and that use of the "pen register" violated Federal law.

The device, which registers the number of each telephone dialed through the telephone being checked, was used by Federal agents to find what they said were offices of a numbers and betting operation that grossed \$740,000 in the four months before the raid.

Although evidence obtained by listening to or recording telephone calls has long been inadmissible in Federal courts, the prosecution argued that the pen register was legal because it did not intercept messages.