

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated
Title 21: Crimes and Punishments
Part VII. Crimes Against Property
Chapter 70: Other Offenses Against Property Rights
§ 1870. Definitions

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As used in this act:

1. "Access device" means any telecommunication device including the telephone calling card number, electronic serial number, account number, mobile identification number, or personal identification number that can be used to obtain telephone services;
2. "Clone cellular telephone" or "counterfeit cellular telephone" means a cellular telephone whose electronic serial number has been altered from the electronic serial number that was programmed in the telephone by the manufacturer by someone other than the manufacturer;
3. "Cloning paraphernalia" means materials that, when possessed in combination, could be used to create a cloned cellular telephone. These materials include scanners to intercept the electronic serial number and mobile identification number, cellular telephones, cables, EPROM chips, EPROM burners, software for programming the cloned telephone with a false electronic serial number and mobile identification number combination, a computer containing such software, and lists of electronic serial number and mobile identification number combinations;
4. "Electronic serial number" means the unique number that:
 - a. was programmed into a cellular telephone by its manufacturer,
 - b. is transmitted by the cellular telephone, and
 - c. is used by cellular telephone providers to validate radio transmissions to the system as having been made by an authorized device;
5. "EPROM" or "Erasable programmable read-only memory" means an integrated circuit memory that can be programmed from an external source and erased, for reprogramming, by exposure to ultraviolet light;
6. "Intercept" means to electronically capture, record, reveal, or otherwise access the signals emitted or received during the operation of a cellular telephone without the consent of the sender or receiver, by means of any instrument, device or equipment;

7. "Manufacture of an unlawful telecommunication device" means to produce or assemble an unlawful telecommunication device, or to modify, alter, program, or reprogram a telecommunication device to be capable of acquiring or facilitating the acquisition of telecommunication service without the consent of the telecommunication service provider;

8. "Mobile identification number" means the cellular telephone number assigned to the cellular telephone by the cellular telephone carrier;

9. "Possess" means to have a physical possession or otherwise to exercise control over tangible property;

10. "Sell" means to offer to, agree to offer to, or to sell, exchange, give, or dispose of an unlawful telecommunications device to another;

11. "Telecommunication device" means:

a. any type of instrument, device, machine, or equipment which is capable of transmitting or receiving telephonic, electronic, or radio communications, or

b. any part of an instrument, device, machine, equipment, or other computer circuit, computer chip, electronic mechanism, or other component, which is capable of facilitating the transmission or reception of telephonic or electronic communications within the radio spectrum allocated to cellular radio telephone;

12. "Telecommunication service" means any service provided for a charge or compensation to facilitate the origination, transmission, emission, or receipt of signs, signals, writings, images, and sounds or intelligence of any nature by telephone, including cellular telephones, wire, radio, television option or other electromagnetic system;

13. "Telecommunication service provider" means any person or entity providing telecommunication service including a cellular telephone or paging company or other person or entity which, for a fee, supplies the facility, cell site, mobile telephone switching officer, or other equipment or telecommunication service; and

14. "Unlawful telecommunication device" means any telecommunication device that is capable of, or has been altered, modified, programmed, or reprogrammed, along or in conjunction with another access device, so as to be capable of acquiring or facilitating the acquisition of a telecommunication service without the consent of the telecommunication service provider. Unlawful devices include tumbler phones, counterfeit phones, tumbler microchips, counterfeit microchips, and other instruments capable of disguising their identity or location or of gaining access to a communications system operated by a telecommunication service provider.

Historical Data

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