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TINY CAMERA LEADS TO BIG TROUBLE A ROYAL OAK FATHER TAPED FAMILY FRIEND IN SHOWER, COPS SAY

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Miniature video cameras with pinhead lenses are easy to find at stores selling surveillance gear.

Police said a Royal Oak man used such a camera, hidden in a radio, to spy on his daughter's 18-year-old friend while she took a shower.

Golden Blount, 41, was arraigned last week on a charge of eavesdropping, a 2-year felony, said Lt. Michael Struble.

Blount's daughter called police after finding a video tape showing her friend in the bathroom of the family home, Struble said.

Executing a search warrant, police seized the tape and the radio last month, he said.

The daughter and her friend are expected to testify in the case, said Struble. A preliminary exam is scheduled for Friday in Royal Oak District Court.

Blount's lawyer, Scott Weinberg of Clinton Township, said Blount turned himself in as soon as he knew of the charge. Blount, a computer consultant, has no criminal record, he said.

Portable radios with hidden video cameras and tiny lenses start at \$400 at Spy Shack, a store in Lathrup Village.

At the Web site of Spy King -- [www.spyking.net](http://www.spyking.net) -- consumers can purchase tiny video cameras buried in picture frames, lamps, stuffed animals, clocks, mirrors, plants, Franklin planners, Kleenex boxes, pencil sharpeners -- and, yes, portable radios like the one Blount allegedly

used.

Prices range from \$235 to \$900. Many are labeled "wireless," meaning they can broadcast a signal to a receiver in another room.

Spy King owner Roger Felsner said Tuesday that all of the wireless products are approved by the Federal Communications Commission.

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