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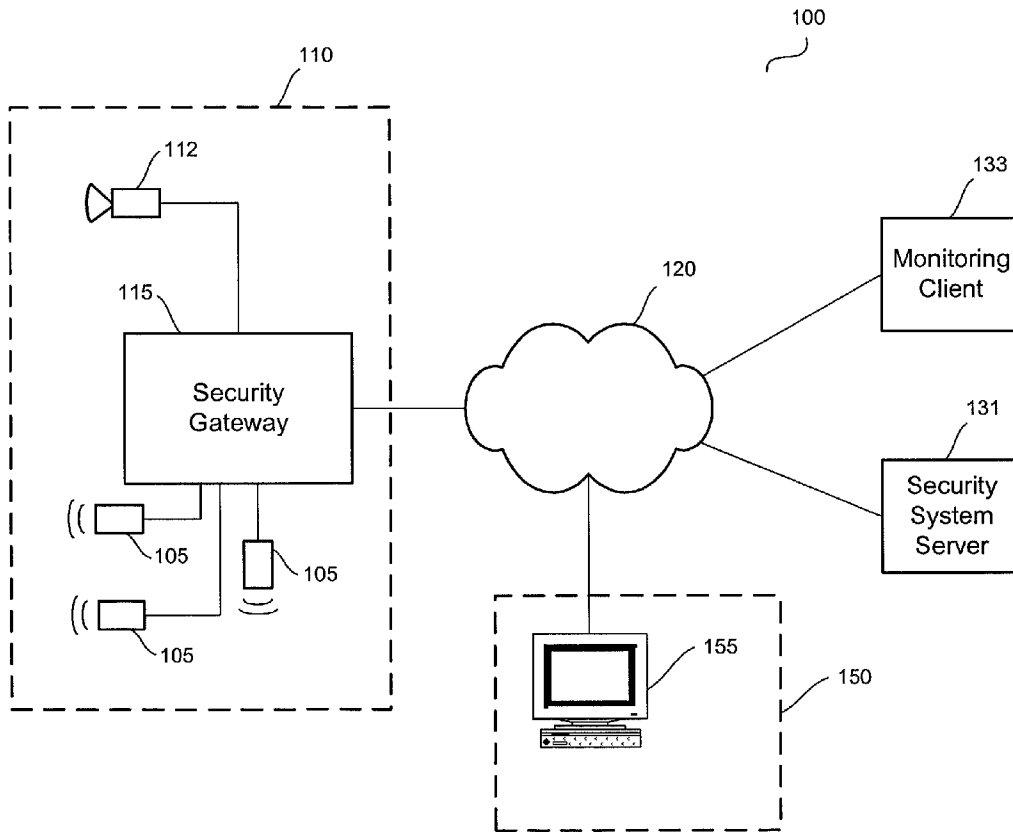
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system and method for distributed monitoring and remote verification of conditions surrounding an alarm condition in a security system. A security gateway detects alarm conditions at a premises and records video relating to the alarm condition. The security gateway transmits an alarm notification and the video across a network to a security system server in substantially real time. The security system server relays information to one or more distributed monitoring clients using rules-based routines for verification of the alarm condition. An operator at a monitoring client determines whether the alarm condition represents an actual alarm event and activates an appropriate response.

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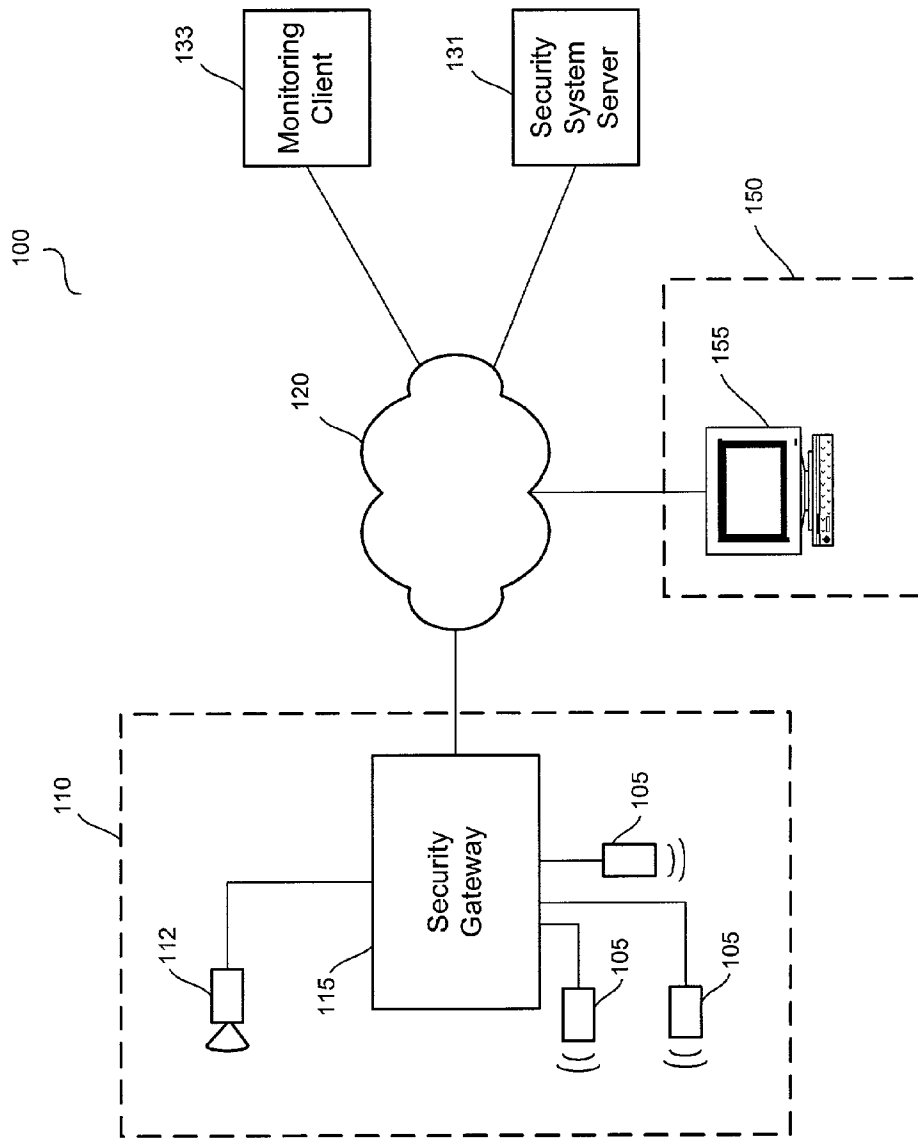


FIG. 1

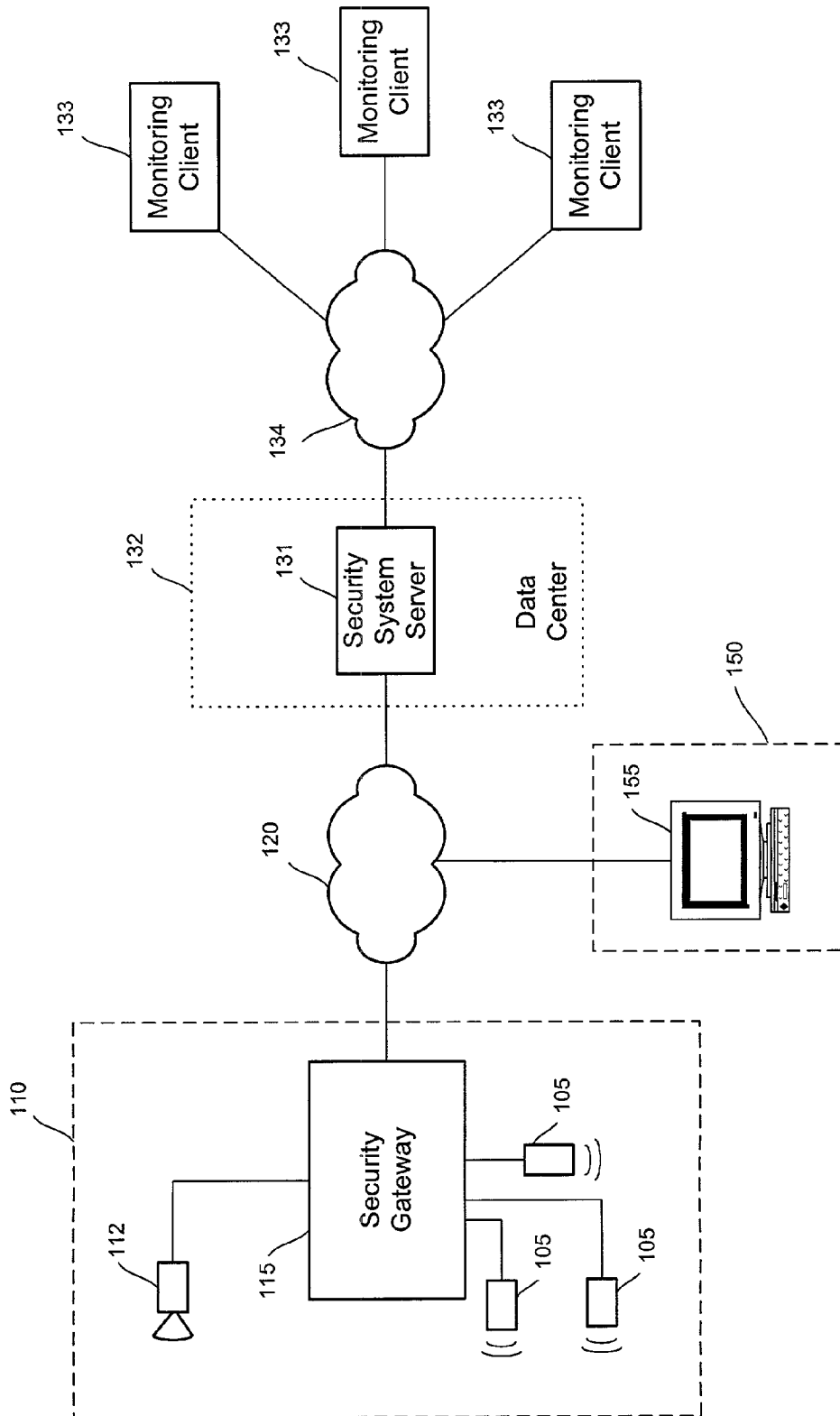


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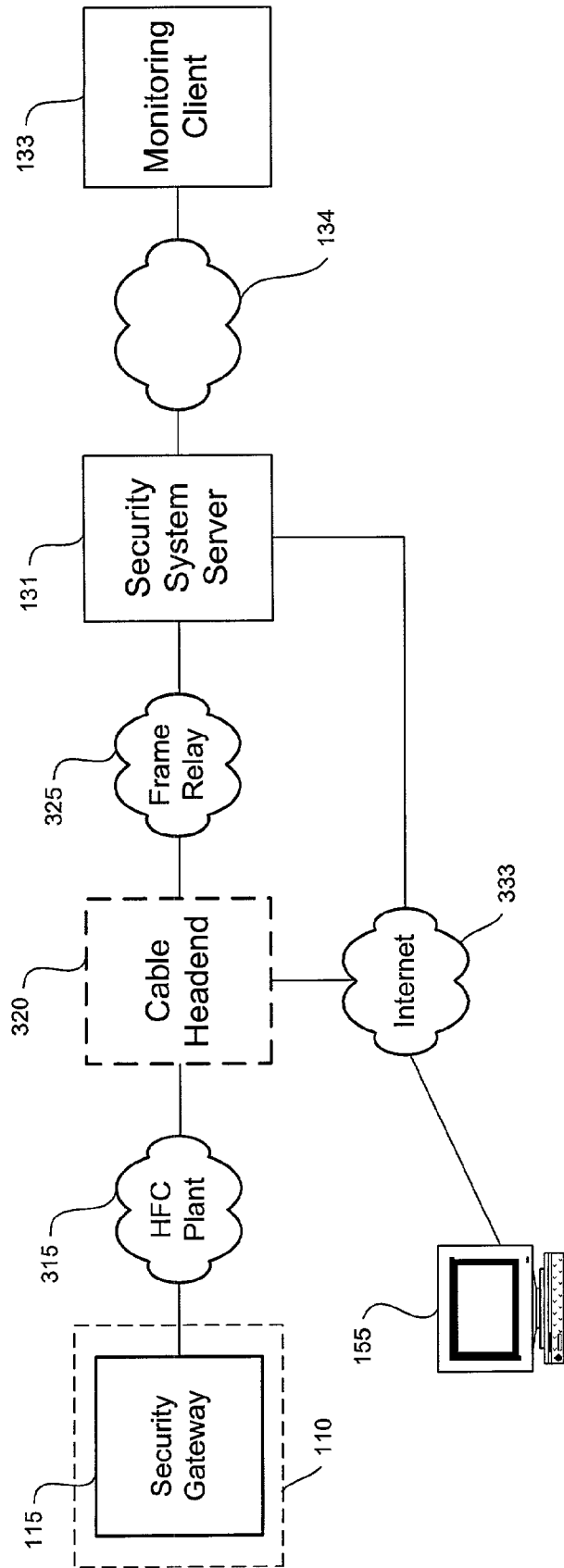


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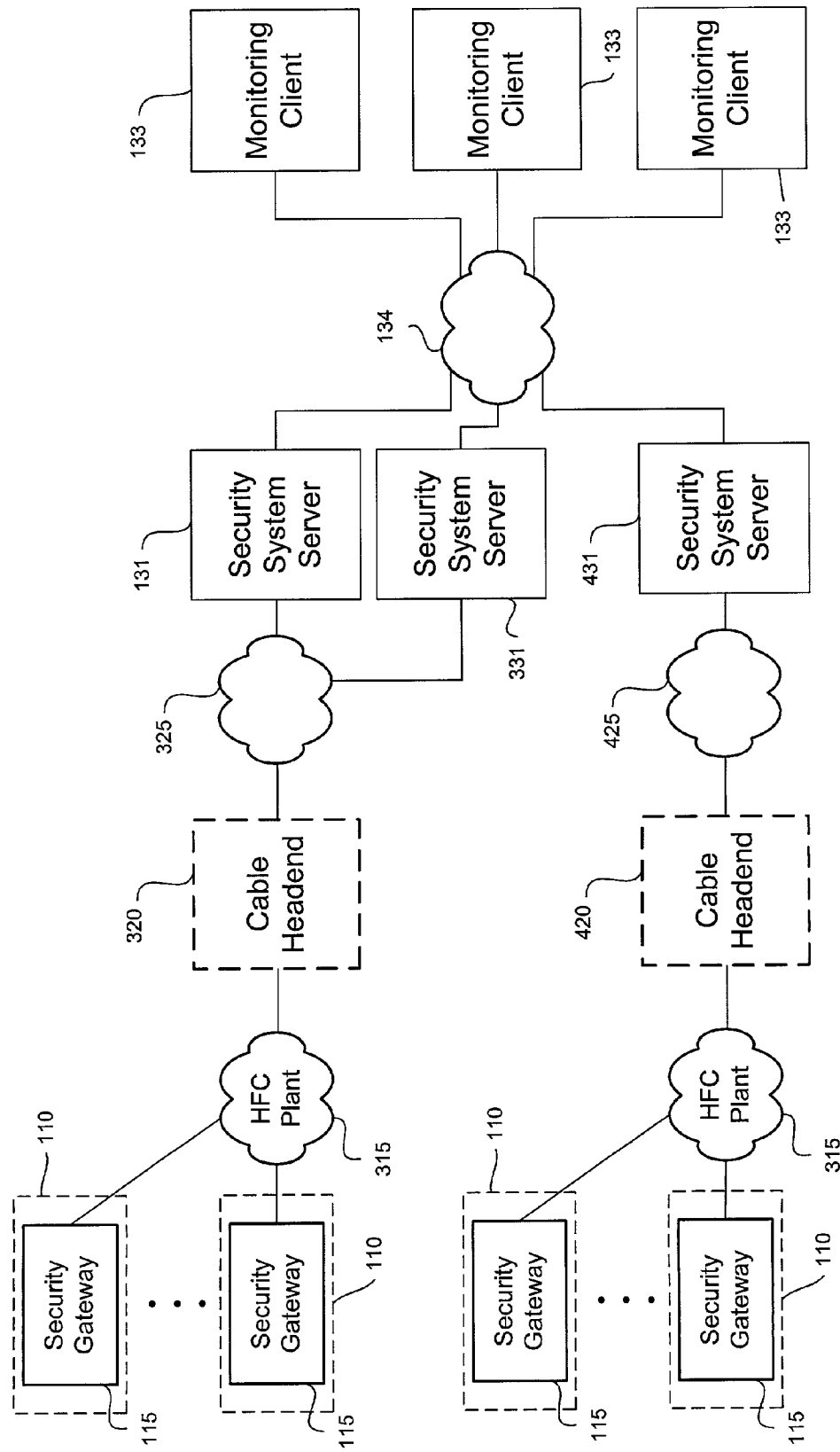


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