(54) **BIOMETRIC SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETECTING DURESS TRANSACTIONS**

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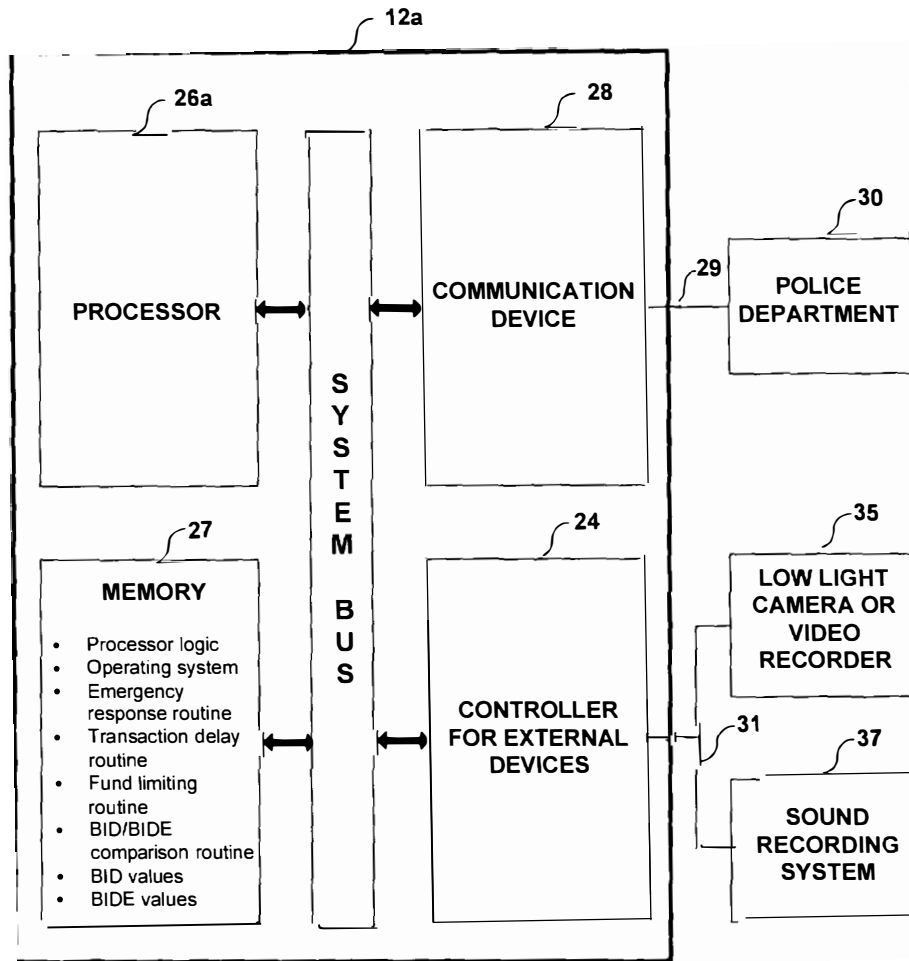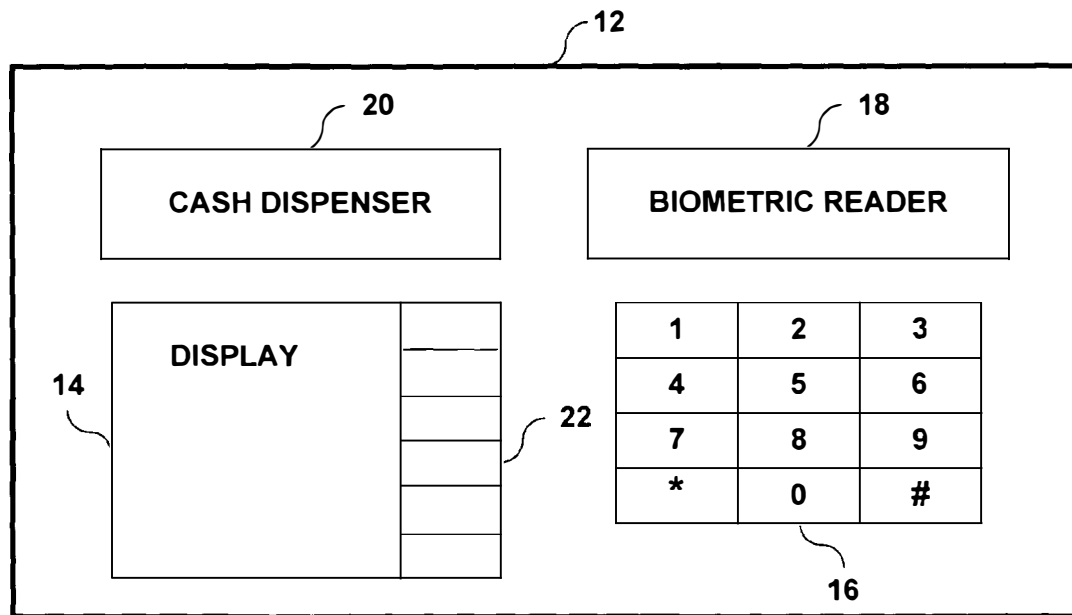
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system for responding to a duress identification made at a biometric identification site. The system may include a processor, a memory, a biometric reader for collecting biometric information about a user, wherein the biometric information is used for determining if the user is an authorized user of the system. The system may also include a set of instructions stored in the memory, the set of instructions executable by the processor to determine whether the biometric information represents a normal identification or a duress identification; if the biometric information represents a duress identification, the system may initiate an emergency response, such as (for example) triggering a silent alarm.

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CASH DISPENSER

BIOMETRIC READER

DISPLAY

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FIG. 1

FIG. 2

FIG. 3

FIG. 4

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50 — ACCESS PROCEDURE INITIATED

55 — VALID BID ?   — YES →   60 — PROCEED AS USUAL

NO

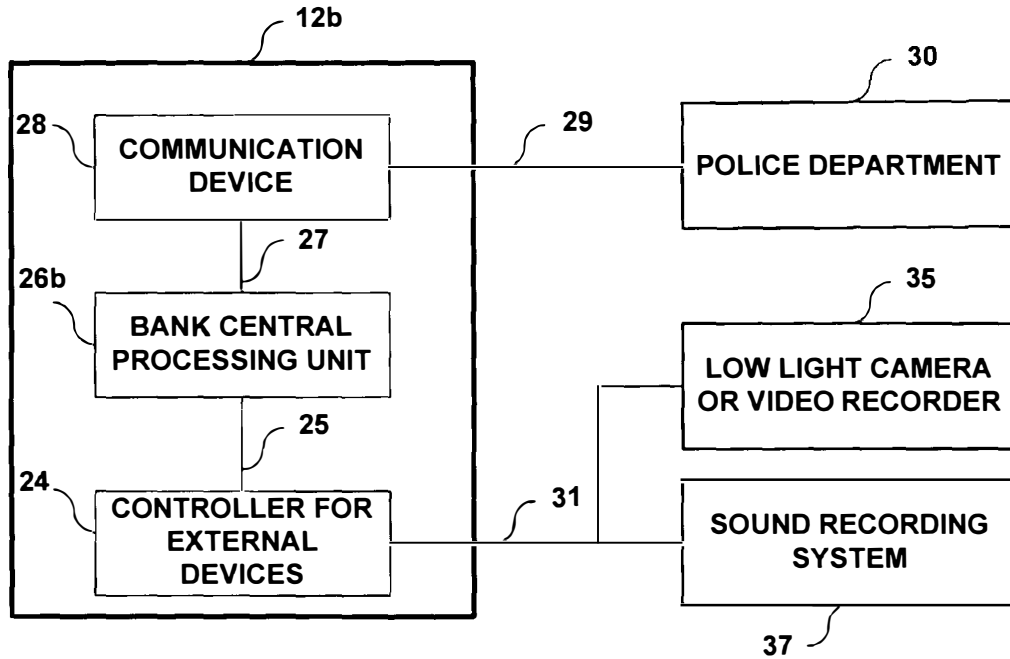65 — BIDE?   — YES →   70 — TRIGGER ALARM
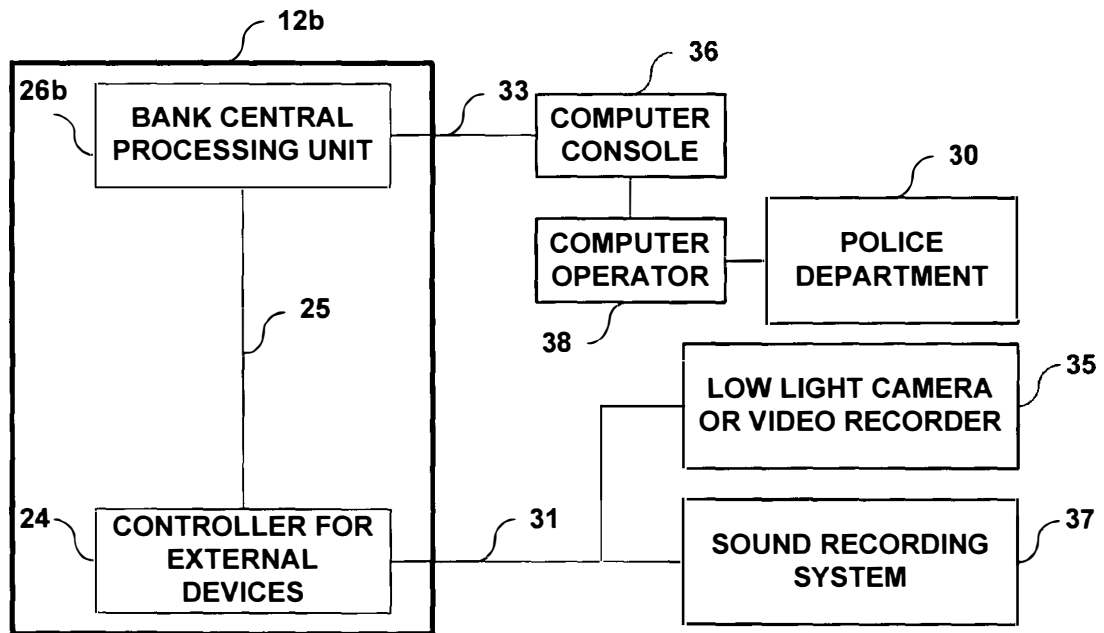
NO

80 — REJECT TRANSACTION

FIG. 5

DOCKET ALARM
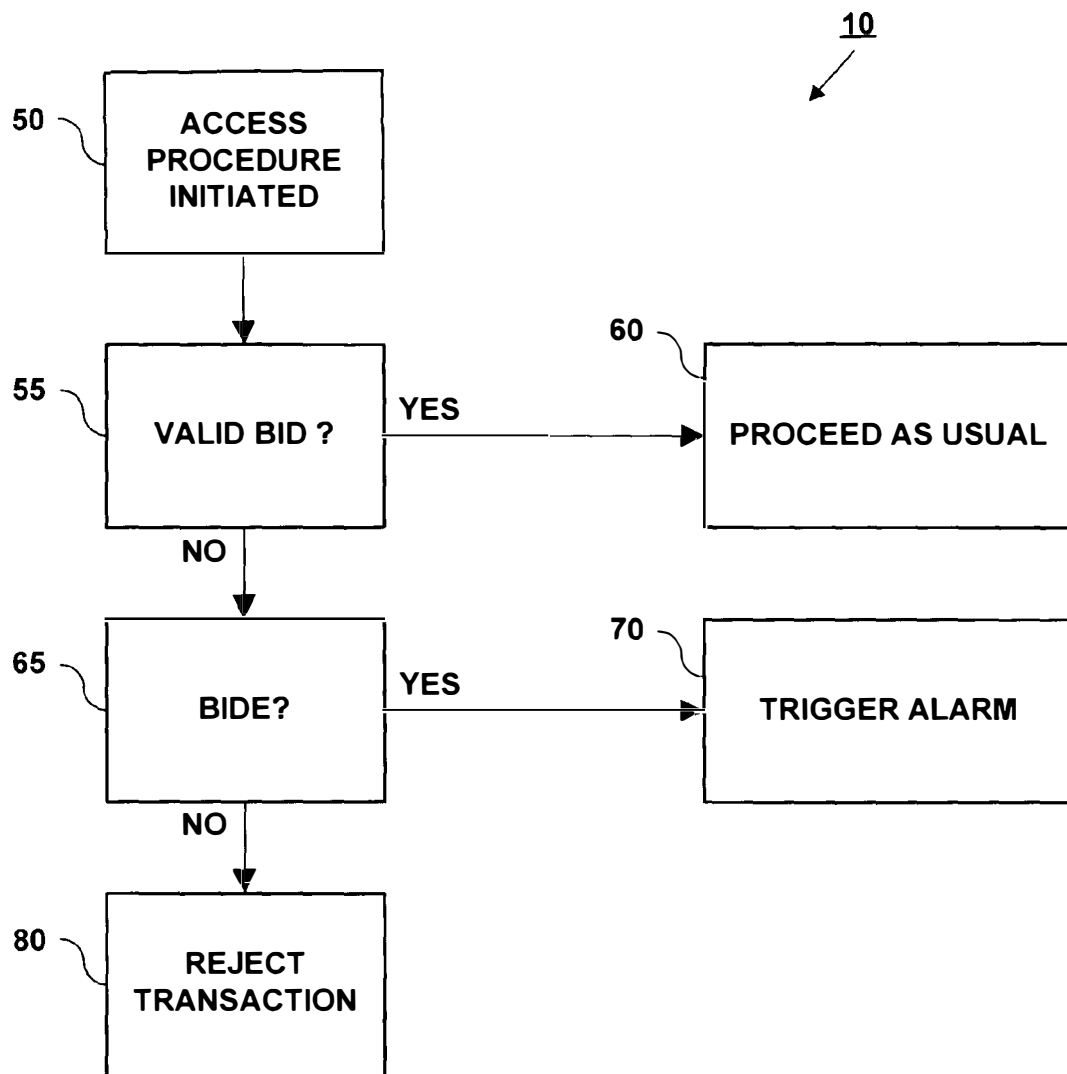
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