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(57) **ABSTRACT**

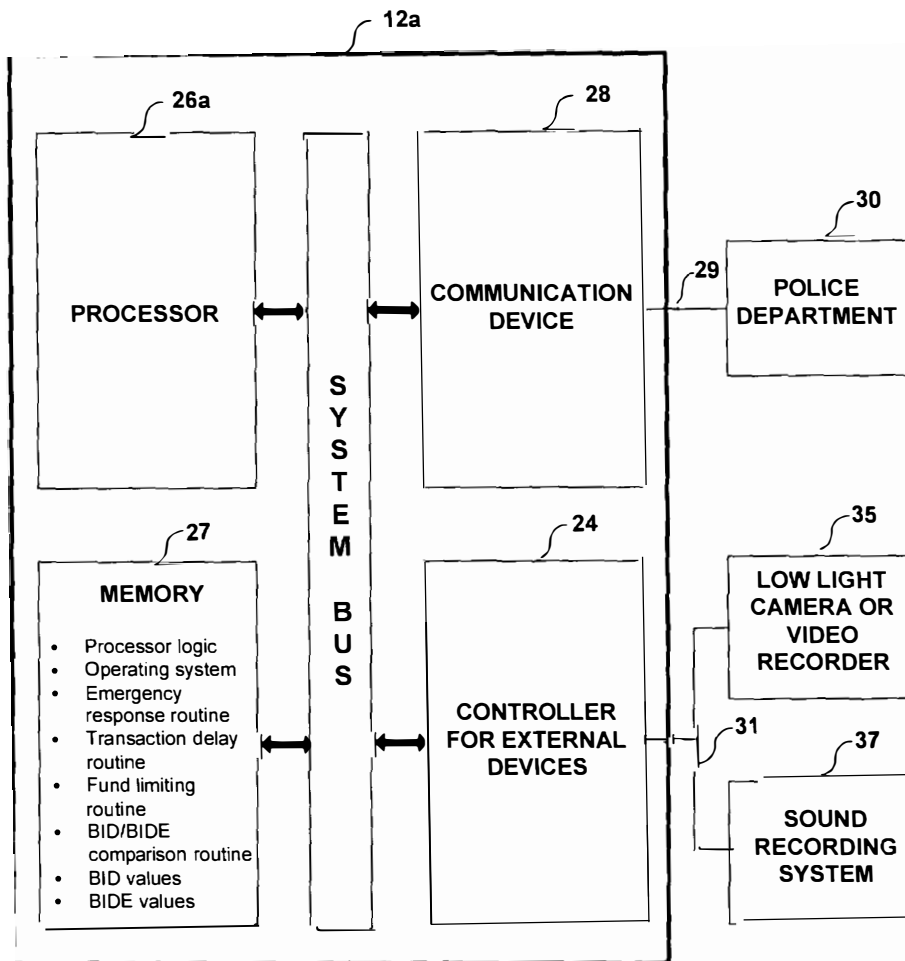
A system for responding to a duress identification made at a biometric identification site. The system may include a processor, a memory, a biometric reader for collecting biometric information about a user, wherein the biometric information is used for determining if the user is an authorized user of 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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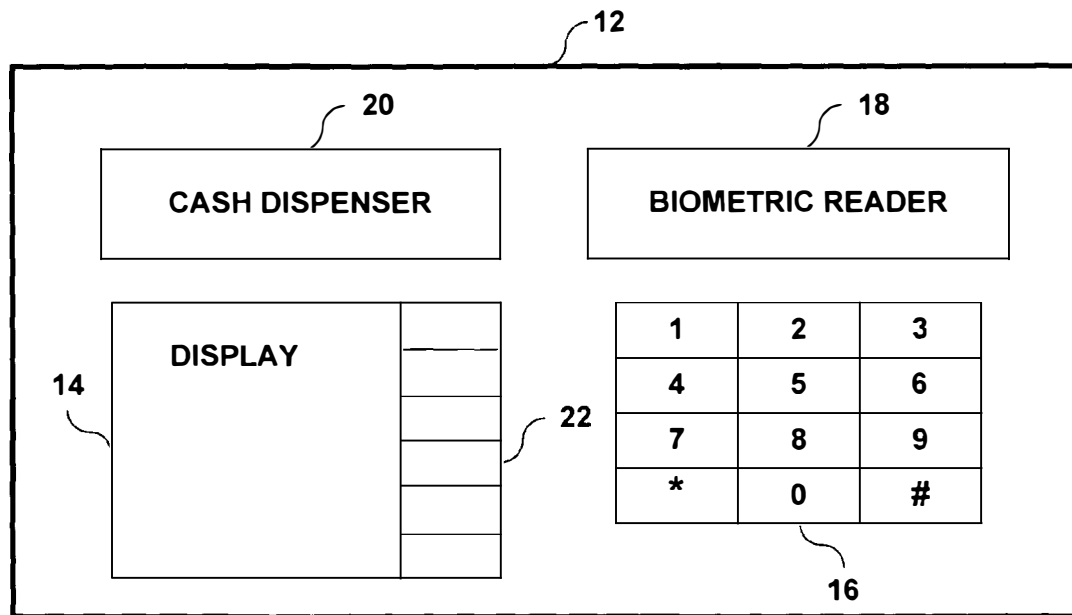


FIG. 1

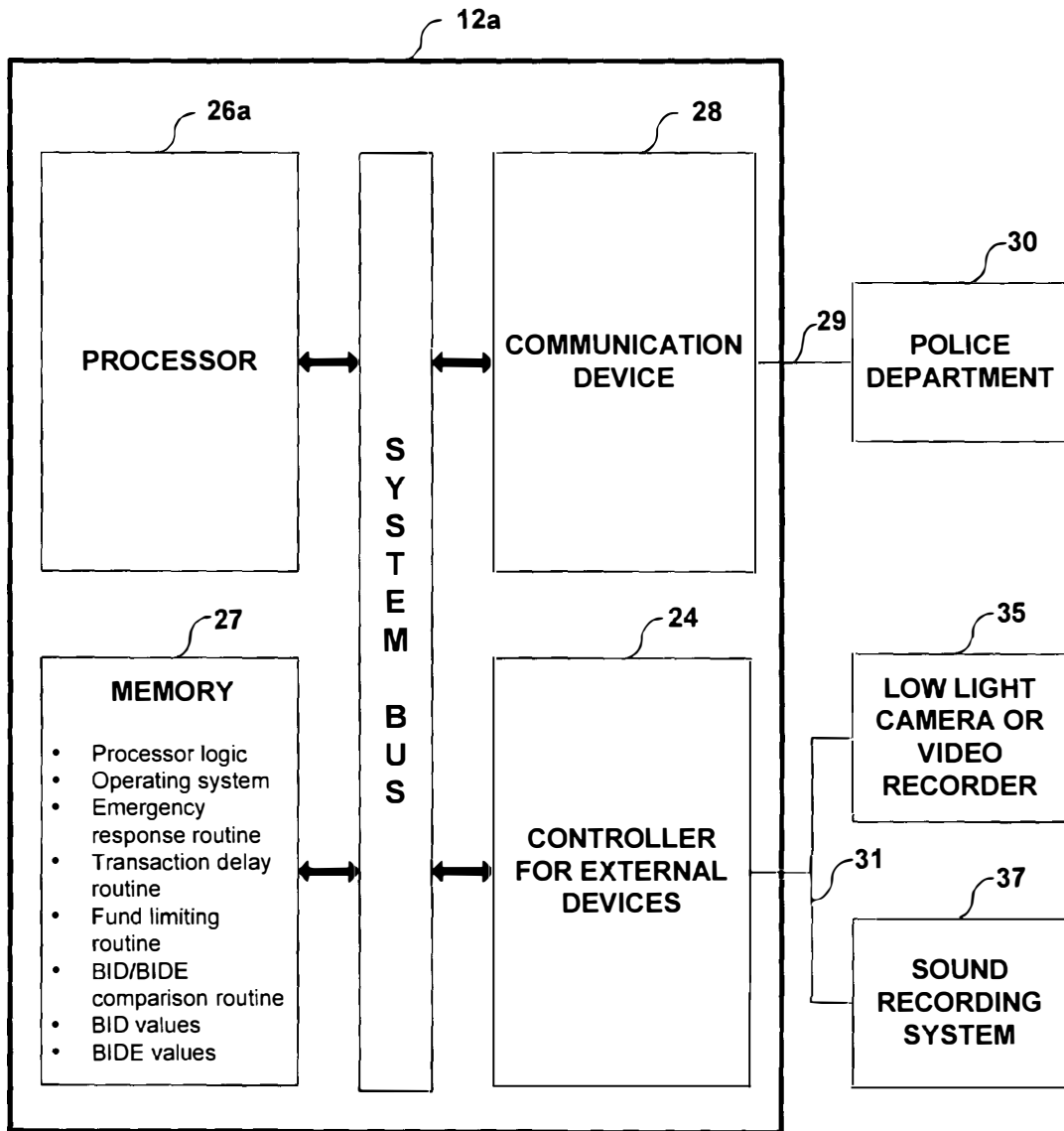


FIG. 2

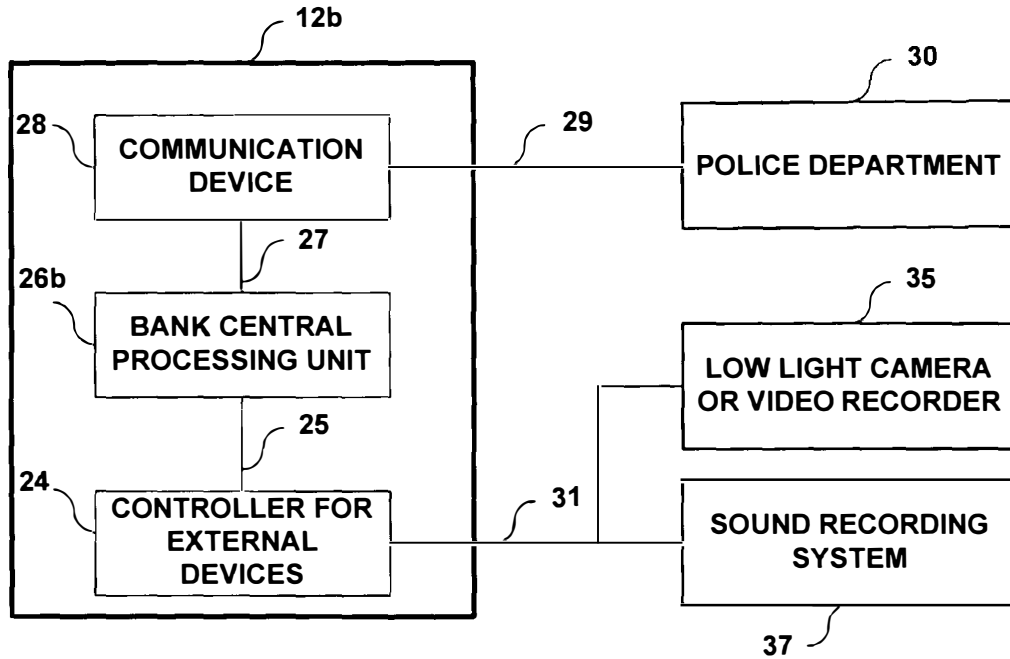


FIG. 3

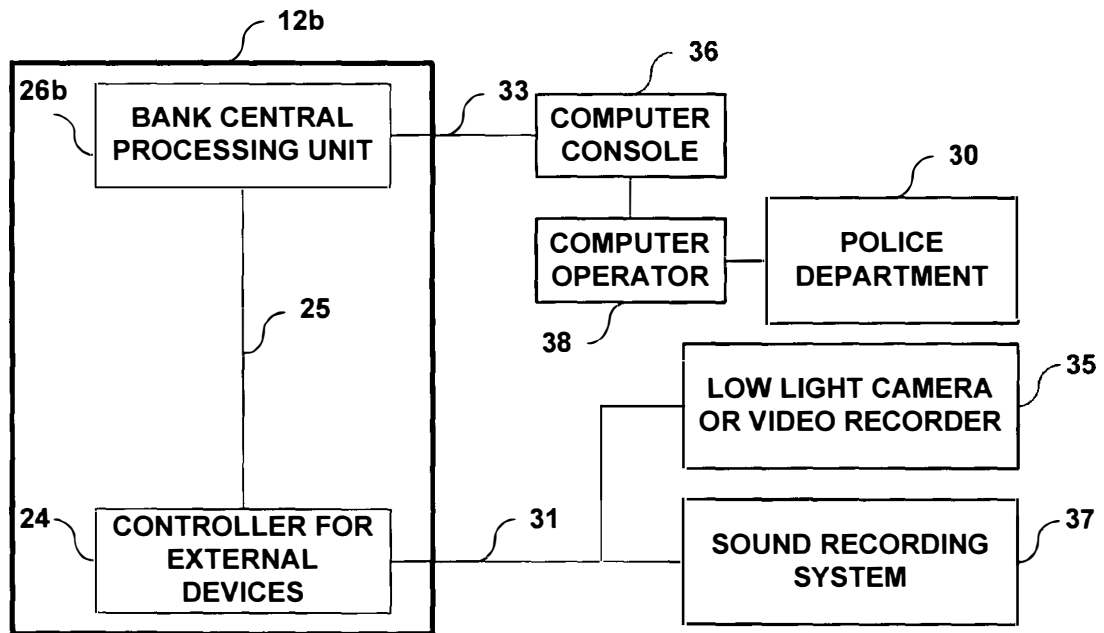


FIG. 4

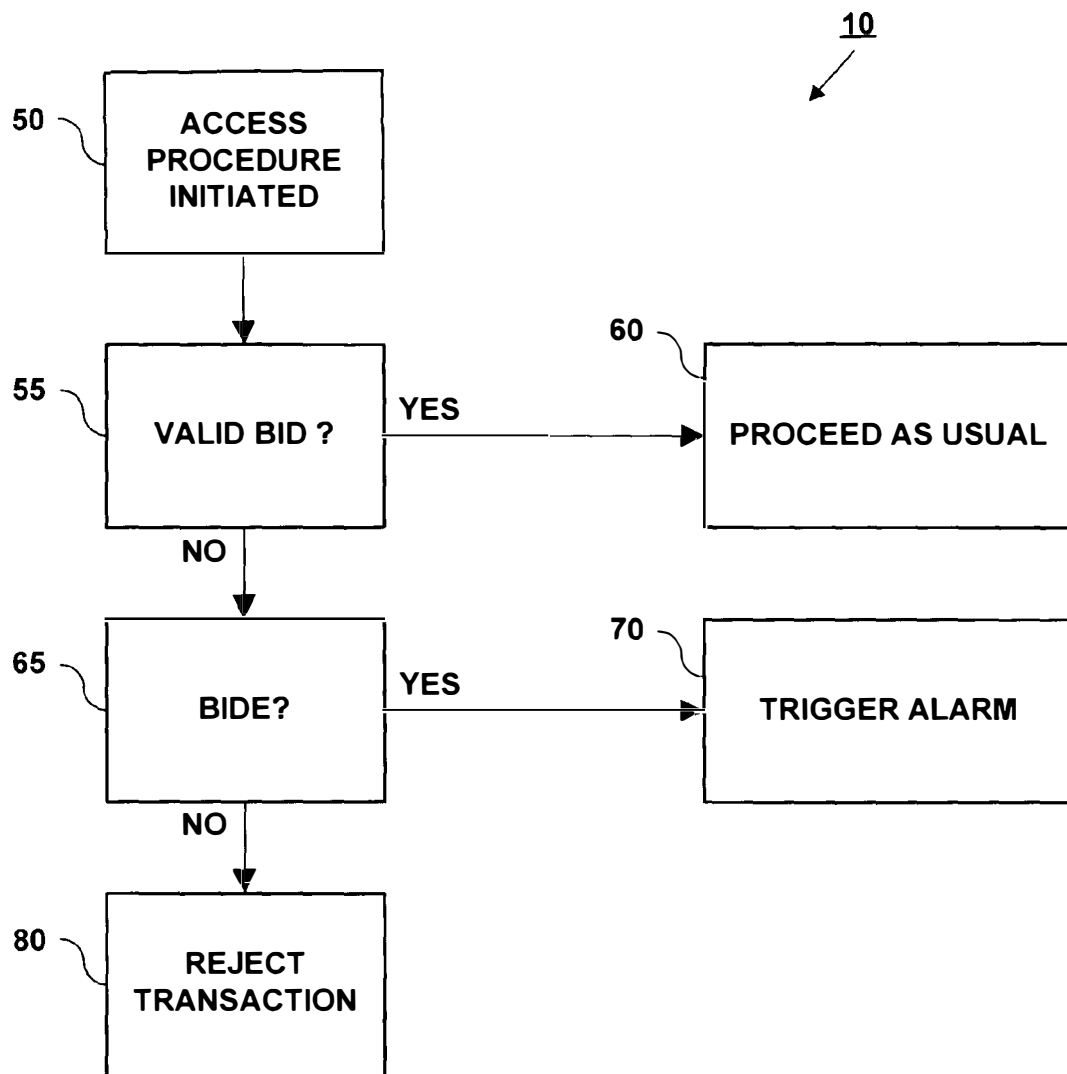


FIG. 5

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