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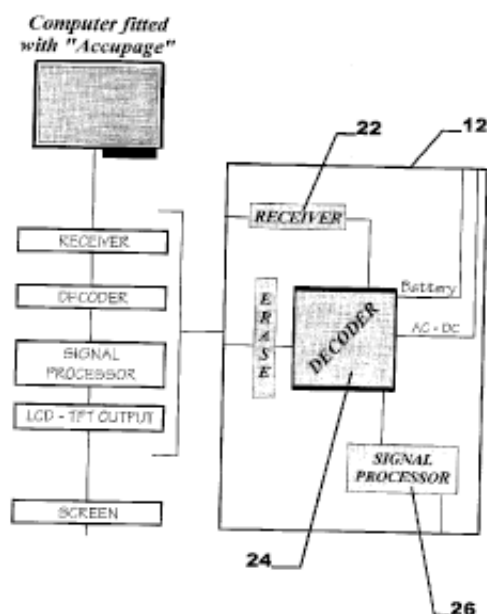
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(54) ANTI-THEFT APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ALTERING THE DISPLAY OUTPUT OF A STOLEN ELECTRONIC DEVICE

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ABSTRACT

This application describes a means for inhibiting the theft of an electronic device. The electronic device generally comprises a processor unit and a display device for displaying operational output from the processor unit, and the invention resides in including within the electronic device a receiver unit adapted to receive remotely transmitted signals and capable of causing the processor unit to at least partially obscure or change the output on the display device after such a signal has been received. The electronic device can be any device that produces a visible output. In preferred forms of the invention, the obscuring of the display output is by overprinting a message informing you that the device is stolen, and more preferred versions include a unique identification code in that message. This enables the authorities to identify the true owner of the article. The receiver unit can be the receiver of a radio pager, for example. Thus, on noticing the theft of the device the owner alerts a service provider who activates the receiver unit.

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