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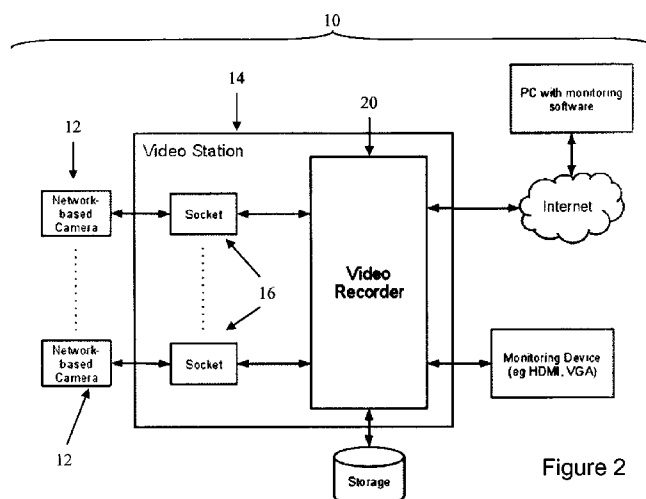


Figure 2

(57) Abstract: Installation of network-based cameras is more complicated than analog cameras. Further, because video data from the IP-based cameras is sent over a shared network, hackers can easily access the cameras by connecting to the shared network and acquire the sensitive video data, or replace video images sent from the camera to the NVR. To at least resolve some of these issues, the current invention provides methods of connecting network-based cameras to video station such that the ownership between the network-based camera with the respective connected socket can be locked, such that at any time, each of the at least one socket can lock ownership of only one network-based camera, and receives video from the only one network-based camera with ownership locked by the respective socket. As the socket of the current invention can now engage into "locking" relationship with only one network-based camera with camera-identification tag acceptable to the video station, and preferably with the lock key, the chance of spoofing can be substantially reduced.