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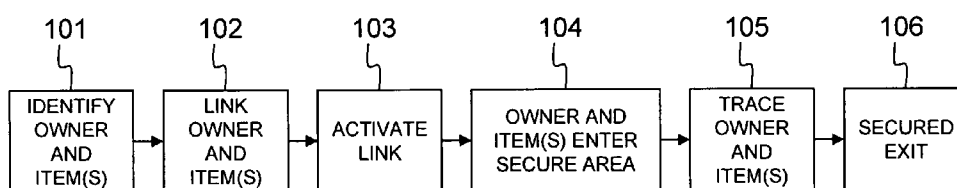
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(57) Abstract: To securely handle (trace/locate/identify to receive services) of an owner and items within a secure/private area, the owner is identified (101) through owner identification means, and the items are identified (101) through reusable item identification means securely fixed to the items. A link between the owner and the items is maintained in a database, and this link is activated (103) for instance through automated/semi-automated registration of the owner upon entrance of the secure/private area (104). The owner and items are handled (traced/located/identified to receive services) (105) during a transaction or event in the secure/private area to facilitate controlling the item during the transaction or event. Optionally, the items are secured (106) in the secure/private area by monitoring departure from the secure/private area via an intelligent gate that senses owner and item identification means within a predetermined, restrictive distance from the intelligent gate.

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