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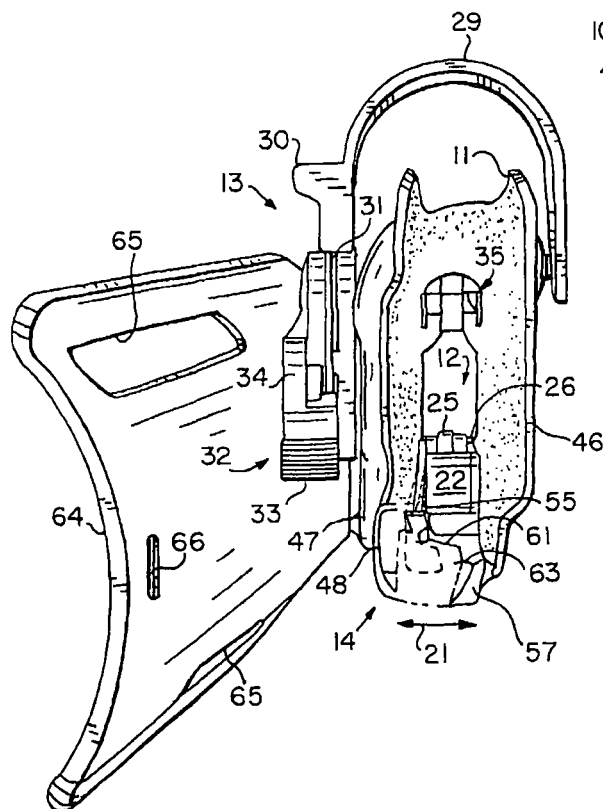
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(54) Title: **AUTOMATIC LOCKING HOLSTER**



(57) Abstract: A quick release withdrawal restraint holster includes a blocking element (35) located to engage a portion of the handgun (16) adjacent its ejection port (19) to inhibit withdrawal upwardly prior to rearward handgun movement. A second blocking element (49) is located adjacent the rear of the trigger guard (17) biased into a first position to prevent rearward movement of gun (16) and a second position that allows for rearward movement of gun (16) when the second blocking element (49) is moved by pressure on a thumb ledge (57). A third blocking element (126) is provided to prevent motion of a handgun (16) when holstered in a manner to cause movement of the second blocking element (49) from its first position. Additionally a hood strap assembly (13) includes a thumb ledge (30) by which a leg (31) can be pushed downwardly to allow strap (29) to be rotated forwardly once the locking mechanism is cleared. Releasable blocking apparatus (32) includes a thumb ledge (33) by which a blocking element (34) can be moved rearwardly to allow the leg (31) to be pushed downwardly and allow rotation of the strap (29).

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