CLAIMS

1. A secure casino apparatus comprising,

a casing and a cavity within the casing, the casing further comprising an access member arranged to provide access to said cavity;

a sensor arranged to detect said access to the cavity and provide an access signal;

an image capture apparatus arranged to provide image data of the cavity when the image capture apparatus is activated;

a memory arranged to store the image data; and

a processor arranged to process the image data and the access signal; wherein the processor is further arranged to activate the image capture apparatus for an activation period when an access signal is provided by the sensor; and

wherein the access comprises a duration, and wherein the sensor is arranged to provide the access signal at intervals of predetermined length throughout the duration of said access.

2. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the image capture apparatus is located substantially inside the cavity.

3. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the processor is arranged to activate the image capture apparatus for the duration of said access.

4. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the activation period is not shorter than the predetermined length.

5. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the processor is arranged to activate the image capture apparatus for a predetermined buffer period after the duration of said access.

6. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the secure casino apparatus further comprises an image transmission member arranged to transmit the image data.

7. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein the image transmission member is arranged to transmit the image data by live-streaming said image data.

8. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in claim 6 or claim 7, wherein the image transmission member is arranged to transmit the image data to a remote device, the

remote device comprising one selected from the range: a display screen located on the secure casino apparatus; a server; a mobile device; a computer.

9. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the secure casino apparatus further comprises a signal transmission member arranged to transmit the access signal.

10. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the access detected by the sensor comprises a mode, the mode being one selected from the range: authorised access, or unauthorised access.

11. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein the processor is arranged to determine the mode from the access signal.

12. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the secure casino apparatus further comprises an alerting member arranged to provide an alert when the alerting member is activated.

13. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein the alert comprises at least one selected from the range: an electronic mail; a text message; a dashboard alert; an alarm; a software feature; a video message; a screen animation; an audible alert; a supersonic audio alert.

14. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in claim 12 or claim 13 when dependent from claim 11, wherein the processor is further arranged to activate the alerting member when an access signal having a unauthorised access mode is provided by the sensor.

15. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the secure casino apparatus is one selected from the range: a gaming token sorting apparatus; a chipper; a gaming terminal; an electronic gaming machine; a gaming token transport device; a currency transport device; a dice spinner; a game ball spinner; a dice shaker.

16. A secure casino apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the cavity is arranged to transport, store and/or sort one selected from the range: physical currency; gaming tokens; a data storage device; identification data.

17. A casino apparatus security system as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the processor is further arranged to perform pattern recognition on the image data, and is further arranged to transform an access signal having a unauthorised access mode into an access signal having an authorised access mode; wherein the processor is arranged to carry out the transformation upon recognition of a known pattern.

18. A casino apparatus security system, the security system comprising:

a secure casino apparatus according to any of claims 1 to 17; and

a monitoring system comprising a remote device arranged to receive the image data from the image transmission member.

19. A method of monitoring access to a secure casino apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

i. detecting, by a sensor, an access to a cavity comprised within a secure casino apparatus, wherein the access comprises a duration;
ii. providing, by the sensor, an access signal at intervals of predetermined length throughout the duration of said access;
iii. activating an image capture apparatus;
iv. providing, by the image capture apparatus, image data of the cavity;
v. storing, in a memory, image data from said image capture apparatus;
vi. processing, by a processor, the image data and the access signal;
vii. activating, by the processor, the image capture apparatus for an activation period when the access signal is provided by the sensor.

20. A method as claimed in claim 19, the method being performed using a security system as claimed in claim 18.

21. A method as claimed inn claim 19 or claim 20, wherein the secure casino apparatus is as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 17.

22. A method as claimed in claim 19, claim 20 or claim 21, wherein the method further comprises the step of:

iv. transmitting said image data.

23. A method as claimed in any one of claims 19 to 22, wherein the method further comprises the step of:

v. providing an alert.