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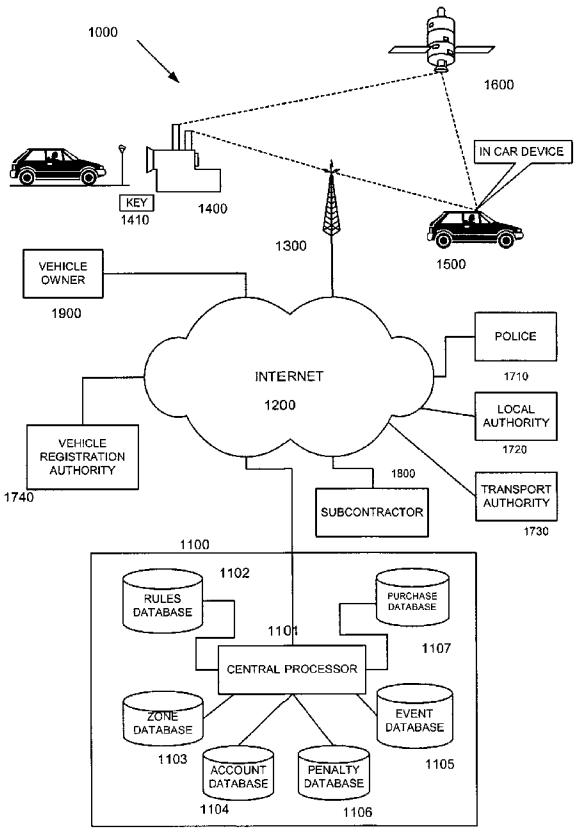
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(57) **Abstract:** In order to provide an apparatus and a system for determining compliance with parking rules by a vehicle, the apparatus (1101) comprises means for receiving a signal representing a location selected from a plurality of locations, rule storage means (1102, 1103) for storing parking rules relating to the plurality of locations, means for obtaining from the rule storage means (1102, 1103) a rule relating to the selected location, means for determining if a vehicle parked at the selected location complies with the rule and means for transmitting a compliance signal representing the compliance determination. The apparatus can be used in conjunction with vehicle observing means (1400) to determine if a vehicle is incorrectly parked. The mobile vehicle observing means (1400) comprises camera means (1401) for obtaining a digital image of at least the registration plate of the vehicle, position detecting means (1409) for detecting the position of the mobile device, range determining means (1402) for finding the range of the vehicle from the mobile device, direction determining means (1404, 1405) for finding the direction of the vehicle with respect to the mobile device and transmitting means (1412), (1407) for transmitting signals representing the image of the vehicle and direction and distance of the vehicle from the mobile device to the apparatus (1101).

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