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(54) **TRACKING AND PROTECTION OF DISPLAY MONITORS BY REPORTING THEIR IDENTITY**

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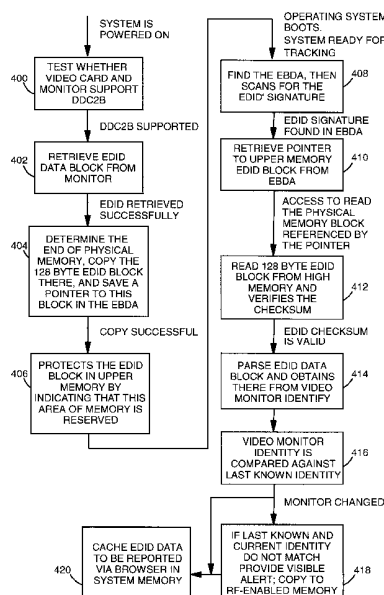
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention is directed toward a method, system and computer readable medium (the present invention) for reporting information related to a monitor attached to a computer which includes a system memory. The present invention includes electronically reading the information from the monitor and storing the monitor information in the system memory. The present invention further includes retrieving the monitor information from the system memory and providing the monitor information to a display via a browser. The monitor information comprises electronically readable information including its identity. One aspect of the present invention further includes comparing the monitor information with a corresponding last known information, wherein a mismatch indicates that the monitor has been changed. Another aspect of the present invention further includes copying the monitor information to a radio frequency (RF) enabled memory, wherein the monitor information can be logged utilizing an RF reader device. The RF reader device may be included in an RF gate and/or a hand held device. Computer systems with Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology configured in accordance with the present invention enable automated electronic tracking of computer assets such as the monitors as they pass through the RF gate in or out of a portal. Computer systems with the RFID technology also enable the automated electronic tracking of the monitors or other computer assets via the hand held device. In either case, no direct contact with the monitor is needed for the tracking and reporting.

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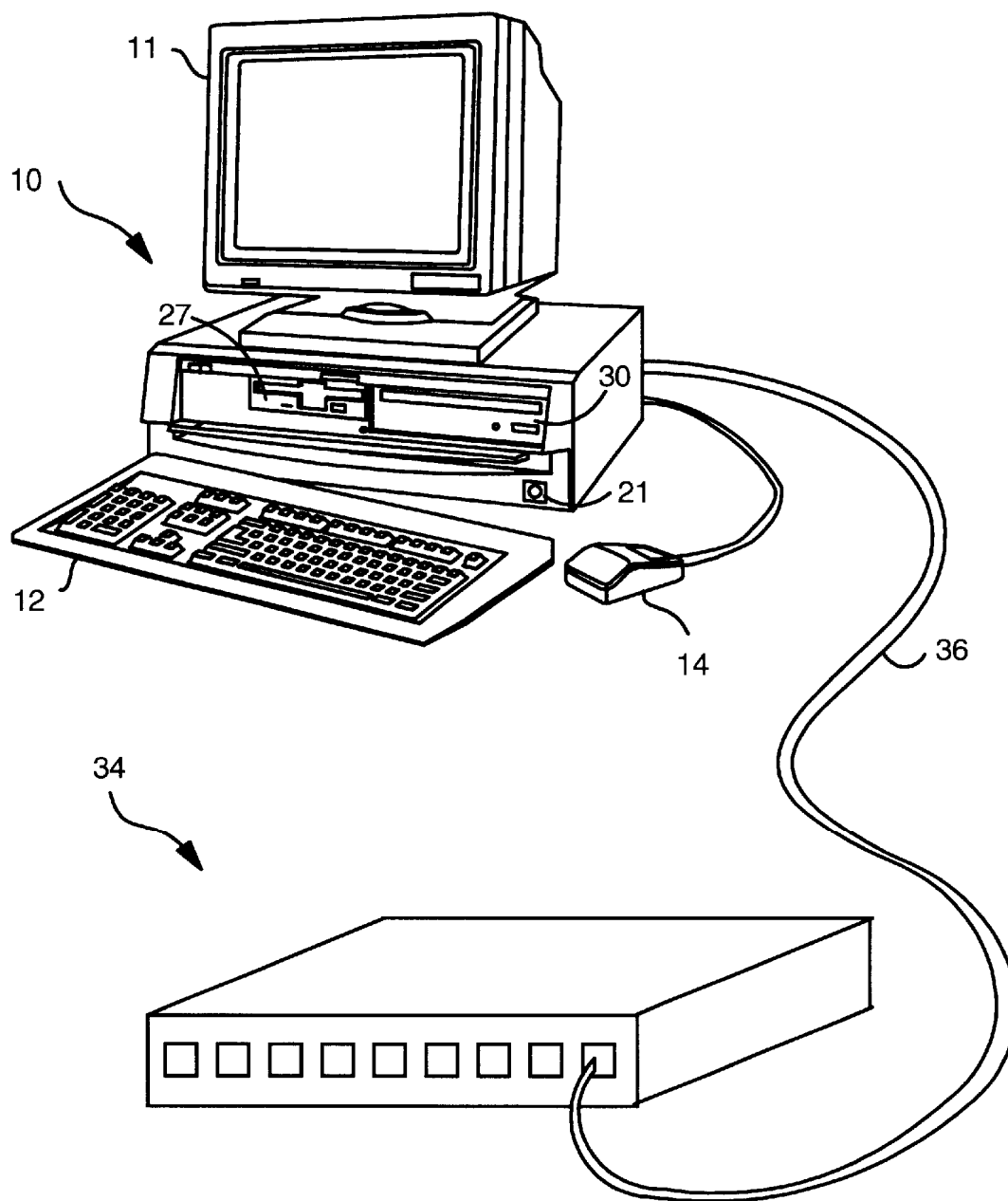


FIG. 1

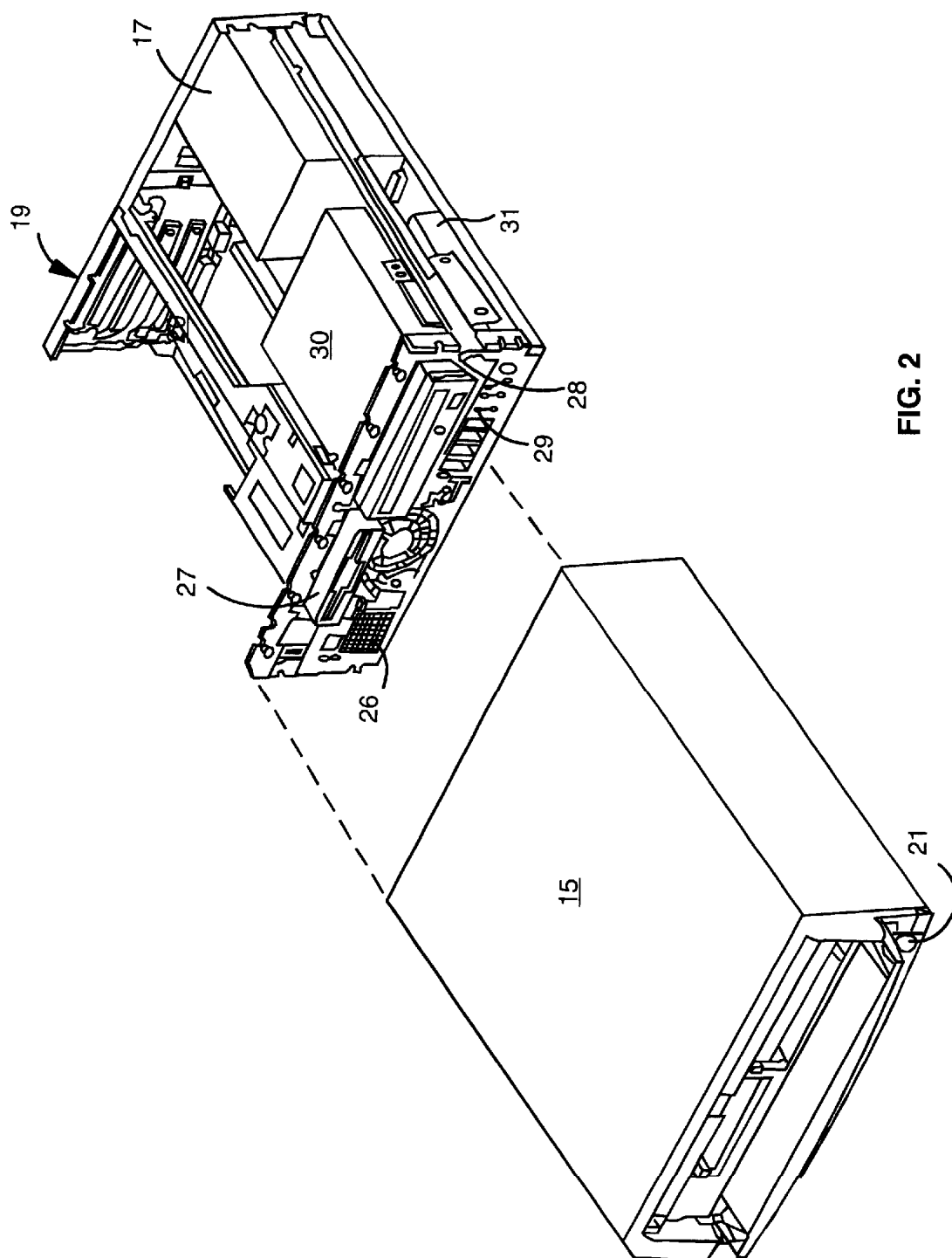
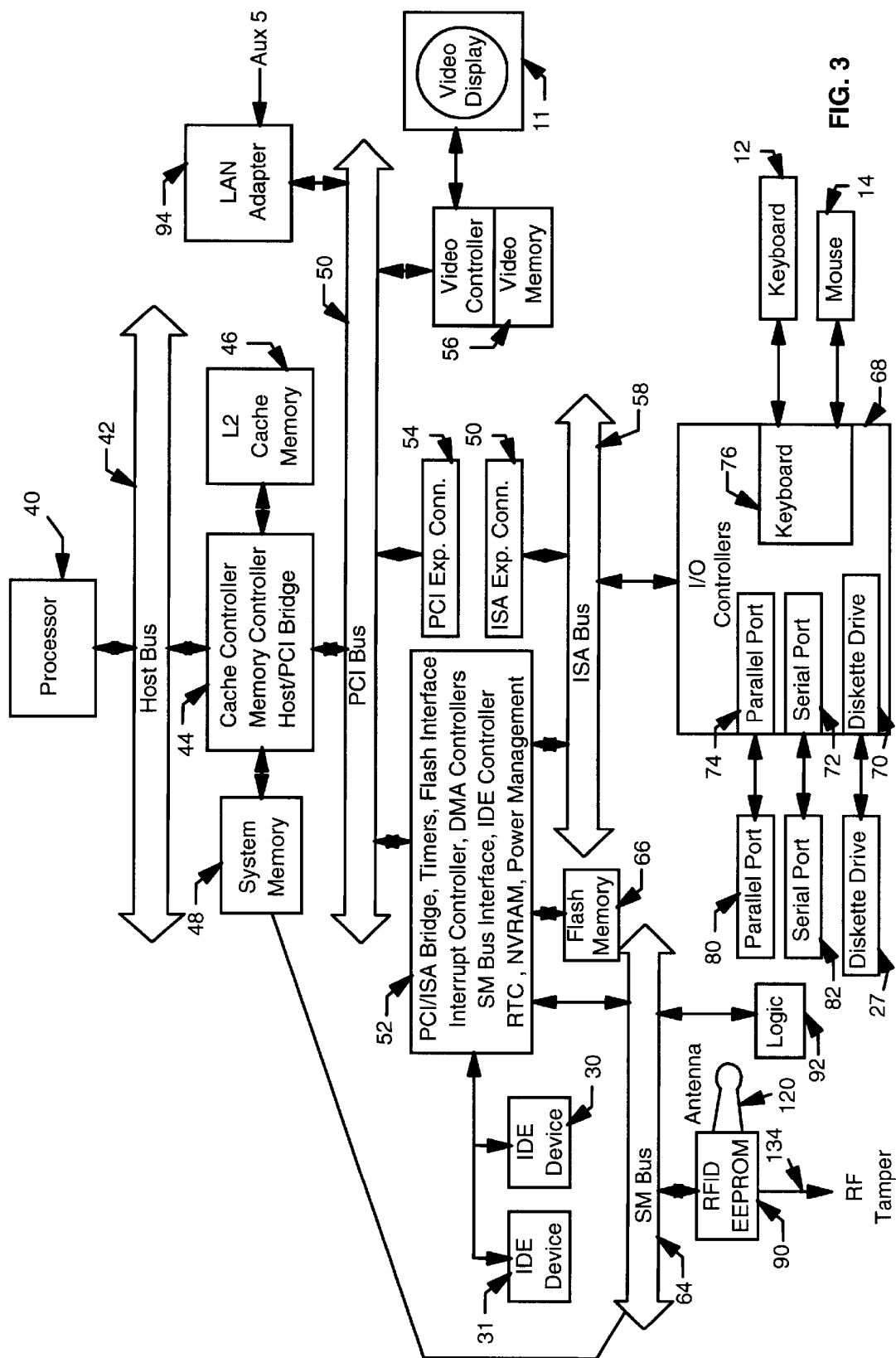
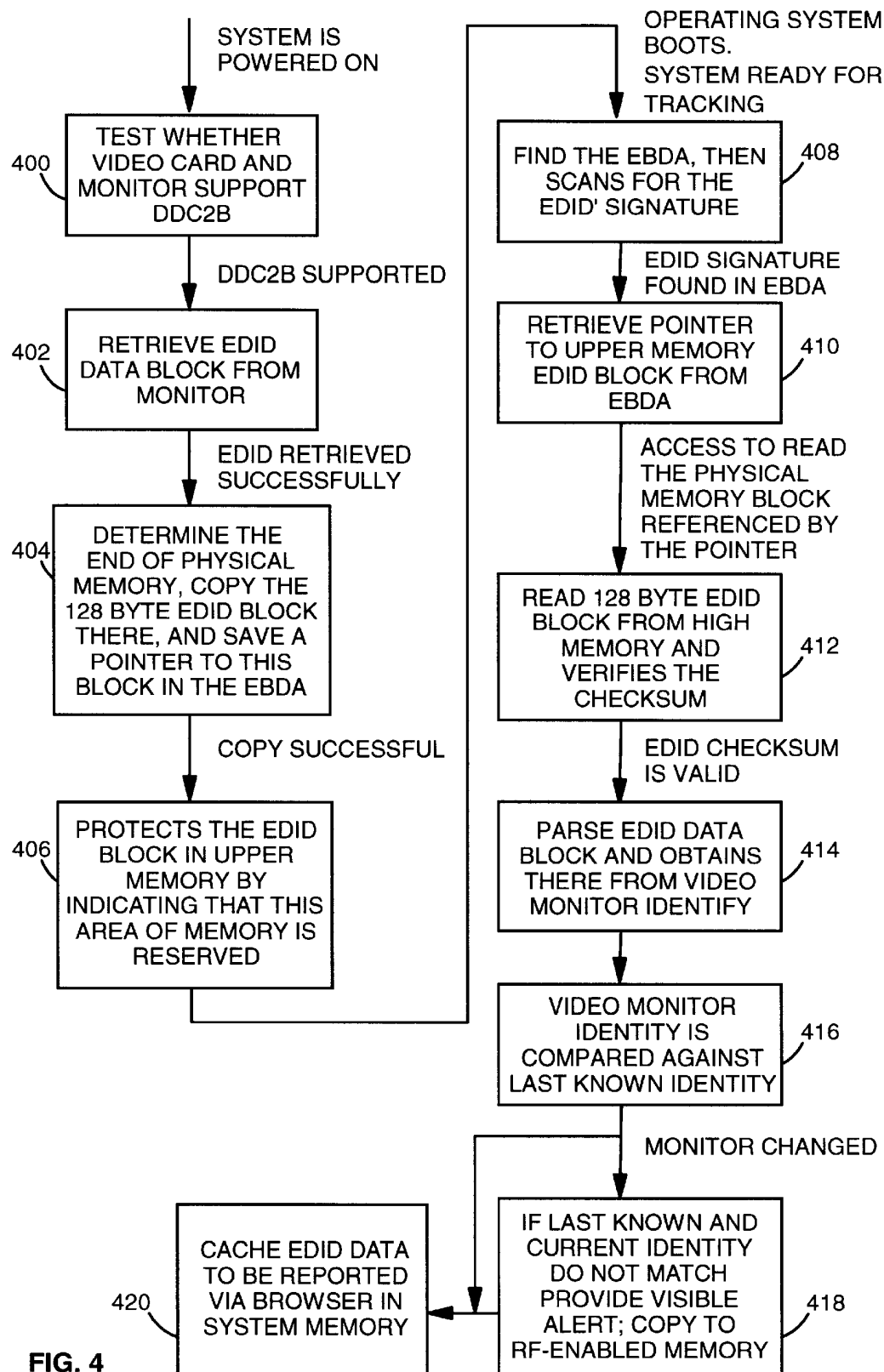


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