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(54) **DETECTION OF BURIED ASSETS USING CURRENT LOCATION AND KNOWN BUFFER ZONES**

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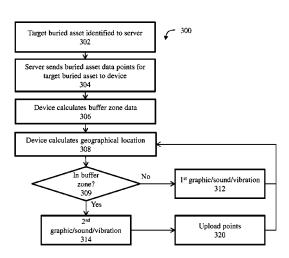|				
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method on a mobile computing device for locating electro-magnetic signals radiating from a buried asset is disclosed. The method includes receiving buried asset data points cor-responding to a buried asset, reading a predefined value, generating, based on the buried asset data points, a two dimensional area comprising a buffer zone at an above-sur-face location, wherein a width of the buffer zone corresponds to the predefined value, and wherein the buffer zone corre-sponds to the buried asset, and iteratively executing the fol-lowing four steps: a) calculating an above-surface location, b) determining whether the above-surface location is located within the two dimensional area, c) if the above-surface loca-tion is not located within the two dimensional area, displaying a first graphic in a display, and d) if the above-surface location is located within the two dimensional area, displaying a sec-ond graphic.

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