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Whilst the image capture devices and computer containing the data base for comparison are normally located at remote locations requiring the use of transmitting means for transmitting the signals between the
25 locations, the computer may also be at the same location as the image capturing device. It is envisaged also that the computer and associated data base may be incorporated into the image capturing means. Of course, the term "computer" as used herein includes any form of computing means.

30 Whilst the above has been given by way of illustrative embodiment of the invention, all such modifications and variations thereto as would be apparent to persons skilled in the art are deemed to fall within the broad scope and ambit of the invention as herein defined by
35 the appended claims.