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EVENT MONITORING SYSTEM AND METHOD

Abstract

A method, computer program product, and computing system for: defining criteria that identifies a reporting event for a vehicle; accessing telematic information received concerning the vehicle, thus defining vehicle-specific telematic information; processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred; and if the reporting event has occurred, notifying an interested party concerning the occurrence of the reporting event, thus defining a notified party.

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Background/Summary

PRIORITY APPLICATION [0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No(s). 63/556,010 filed on 21 Feb. 2024; 63/664,207 filed on 26 Jun. 2024; and 63/726,061 filed on 27 Nov. 2024, the entire contents of which are herein incorporated by reference.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] This disclosure relates to event monitoring systems and methods and, more particularly, to systems and methods for monitoring vehicle events.

BACKGROUND

[0003] The history of electronic monitoring for vehicle theft has been shaped by technological advancements and the persistent challenge of auto theft. In the early days, vehicle security primarily relied on mechanical deterrents such as steering wheel locks, ignition locks, and basic alarm systems. While these measures provided some level of protection, they were relatively easy for experienced thieves to bypass. As car theft became more sophisticated, the need for advanced electronic solutions grew.

[0004] One of the most significant breakthroughs in vehicle theft prevention came in the 1990s with the widespread adoption of electronic immobilizers. These systems relied on transponder chips embedded in car keys, which communicated with the vehicle's onboard computer. Without the correct authentication signal, the engine would not start, making hot-wiring nearly impossible. Many governments, recognizing the effectiveness of immobilizers, mandated their inclusion in new vehicles, significantly reducing theft rates.

[0005] Around the same time, vehicle tracking technology began to emerge as a powerful tool for recovering stolen cars. Companies like LoJack pioneered radio frequency-based tracking systems, allowing law enforcement to locate and retrieve stolen vehicles quickly.

[0006] With the rise of telematics in the 2000s, vehicle monitoring became even more sophisticated. Automakers began integrating advanced security features into connected cars, allowing for real-time data transmission, remote diagnostics, and geofencing alerts.

[0007] More recently, the advent of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning has further enhanced vehicle security. Modern systems analyze driving patterns and detect unusual activity, such as unauthorized access attempts or sudden location changes, triggering alerts to vehicle owners. Some high-end vehicles now incorporate biometric authentication, such as fingerprint or facial recognition, to prevent unauthorized use.

[0008] Despite these advancements, car thieves have also adapted to new security measures. Relay attacks, in which thieves use signal amplifiers to intercept and extend key fob signals, have become a growing concern, enabling criminals to unlock and start vehicles without physical access to the key. As a response, automakers and security firms continue to innovate, developing signal-blocking key pouches, encrypted key fob signals, and AI-driven threat detection systems.

SUMMARY OF DISCLOSURE

[0009] Concept 1—Detection

[0010] In one implementation, a computer-implemented method, executed on a computing device, includes: defining criteria that identifies a reporting event for a vehicle; accessing telematic information received concerning the vehicle, thus defining vehicle-specific telematic information; processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred; and if the reporting event has occurred, notifying an interested party concerning the occurrence of the reporting event, thus defining a notified party.

[0011] One or more of the following features may be included. The reporting event may include one or more of: a vehicle theft event; a vehicle vandalism event; a vehicle accident event; and a

vehicle assistance event. Accessing telematic information received concerning the vehicle may include: accessing a third party data repository that contains the telematic information via an application program interface. Processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred may include: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has moved outside of a geofenced region. Processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred may include: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has moved in a pattern indicative of vandalism. Processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred may include: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has experienced an accident. Processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred may include: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle is in need of assistance. Notifying an interested party concerning the occurrence of the reporting event may include: notifying an owner of the vehicle of the occurrence of the reporting event; notifying law enforcement personnel of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event; notifying emergency personnel of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event; and notifying roadside assistance of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event. The notified party may be enabled to notify additional parties. The notified party may be the owner of the vehicle. Enabling the notified party to notify additional parties may include: enabling the owner of the vehicle to notify one or more of: law enforcement personnel, emergency personnel, and roadside assistance personnel.

[0012] In another implementation, a computer program product resides on a computer readable medium and has a plurality of instructions stored on it. When executed by a processor, the instructions cause the processor to perform operations including: defining criteria that identifies a reporting event for a vehicle; accessing telematic information received concerning the vehicle, thus defining vehicle-specific telematic information; processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred; and if the reporting event has occurred, notifying an interested party concerning the occurrence of the reporting event, thus defining a notified party.

[0013] One or more of the following features may be included. The reporting event may include one or more of: a vehicle theft event; a vehicle vandalism event; a vehicle accident event; and a vehicle assistance event. Accessing telematic information received concerning the vehicle may include: accessing a third party data repository that contains the telematic information via an application program interface. Processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred may include: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has moved outside of a geofenced region. Processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred may include: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has moved in a pattern indicative of vandalism. Processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred may include: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has experienced an accident. Processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred may include: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle is in need of assistance. Notifying an interested party concerning the occurrence of the reporting event may include: notifying an owner of the vehicle of the occurrence of the reporting event; notifying law enforcement personnel of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event; notifying emergency personnel of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event; and notifying roadside assistance of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event. The notified party may be enabled to notify additional parties. The notified party may be the owner of the vehicle. Enabling the notified party to notify additional parties may include: enabling the owner of the vehicle to notify one or more of: law enforcement personnel, emergency personnel, and roadside assistance personnel.

[0014] In another implementation, a computing system including a processor and memory is configured to perform operations including: defining criteria that identifies a reporting event for a vehicle; accessing telematic information received concerning the vehicle, thus defining vehicle-specific telematic information; processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred; and if the reporting event has occurred, notifying an interested party concerning the occurrence of the reporting event, thus defining a notified party.

[0015] One or more of the following features may be included. The reporting event may include one or more of: a vehicle theft event; a vehicle vandalism event; a vehicle accident event; and a vehicle assistance event. Accessing telematic information received concerning the vehicle may include: accessing a third party data repository that contains the telematic information via an application program interface. Processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred may include: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has moved outside of a geofenced region. Processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred may include: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has moved in a pattern indicative of vandalism. Processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred may include: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has experienced an accident. Processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred may include: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle is in need of assistance. Notifying an interested party concerning the occurrence of the reporting event may include: notifying an owner of the vehicle of the occurrence of the reporting event; notifying law enforcement personnel of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event; notifying emergency personnel of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event; and notifying roadside assistance of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event. The notified party may be enabled to notify additional parties. The notified party may be the owner of the vehicle. Enabling the notified party to notify additional parties may include: enabling the owner of the vehicle to notify one or more of: law enforcement personnel, emergency personnel, and roadside assistance personnel.

[0016] The details of one or more implementations are set forth in the accompanying drawings and the description below. Other features and advantages will become apparent from the description, the drawings, and the claims.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0017] FIG. 1 is a diagrammatic view of a distributed computing network including a computing device that executes an event detection process according to an implementation of the present disclosure;

[0018] FIG. 2 is a diagrammatic view of an event monitored by the event detection process of FIG. 1;

[0019] FIG. 3 is a flowchart of an implementation of the event detection process of FIG. 1 according to an implementation of the present disclosure; and

[0020] FIG. 4 is a flowchart of another implementation of the event detection process of FIG. 1 according to an implementation of the present disclosure.

[0021] Like reference symbols in the various drawings indicate like elements.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

System Overview:

[0022] Referring to FIG. 1, there is shown event detection process 10. As will be discussed below in greater detail, event detection process 10 may monitor for the occurrence of a reporting event

(e.g., a vehicle theft event, a vehicle vandalism event, a vehicle accident event, and a vehicle assistance event). And upon detecting the same, event detection process **10** may report the same and/or initiate one or more remedial procedures.

[0023] Event detection process **10** may be implemented as a server-side process, a client-side process, or a hybrid server-side/client-side process. For example, event detection process **10** may be implemented as a purely server-side process via event detection process **10s**. Alternatively, event detection process **10** may be implemented as a purely client-side process via one or more of event detection process **10c1**, event detection process **10c2**, event detection process **10c3**, and event detection process **10c4**. Alternatively still, event detection process **10** may be implemented as a hybrid server-side/client-side process via event detection process **10s** in combination with one or more of event detection process **10c1**, event detection process **10c2**, event detection process **10c3**, and event detection process **10c4**. Accordingly, event detection process **10** as used in this disclosure may include any combination of event detection process **10s**, event detection process **10c1**, event detection process **10c2**, event detection process **10c3**, and event detection process **10c4**.

[0024] Event detection process **10s** may be a server application and may reside on and may be executed by computing device **12**, which may be connected to network **14** (e.g., the Internet or a local area network). Examples of computing device **12** may include, but are not limited to: a personal computer, a laptop computer, a personal digital assistant, a data-enabled cellular telephone, a notebook computer, a television with one or more processors embedded therein or coupled thereto, a cable/satellite receiver with one or more processors embedded therein or coupled thereto, a server computer, a series of server computers, a mini computer, a mainframe computer, or a dedicated network device.

[0025] The instruction sets and subroutines of event detection process **10s**, which may be stored on storage device **16** coupled to computing device **12**, may be executed by one or more processors (not shown) and one or more memory architectures (not shown) included within computing device **12**. Examples of storage device **16** may include but are not limited to: a hard disk drive; a tape drive; an optical drive; a RAID device; a random access memory (RAM); a read-only memory (ROM); and all forms of flash memory storage devices.

[0026] Network **14** may be connected to one or more secondary networks (e.g., network **18**), examples of which may include but are not limited to: a local area network; a wide area network; or an intranet, for example.

[0027] Examples of event detection processes **10c1**, **10c2**, **10c3**, **10c4** may include but are not limited to a web browser, a game console user interface, or a specialized application (e.g., an application running on e.g., the Android™ platform or the iPhone™ platform). The instruction sets and subroutines of roadside assistance applications **10c1**, **10c2**, **10c3**, **10c4**, which may be stored on storage devices **20**, **22**, **24**, **26** (respectively) coupled to client electronic devices **28**, **30**, **32**, **34** (respectively), may be executed by one or more processors (not shown) and one or more memory architectures (not shown) incorporated into client electronic devices **28**, **30**, **32**, **34** (respectively). Examples of storage devices **20**, **22**, **24**, **26** may include but are not limited to: hard disk drives; tape drives; optical drives; RAID devices; random access memories (RAM); read-only memories (ROM), and all forms of flash memory storage devices.

[0028] Examples of client electronic devices **28**, **30**, **32**, **34** may include, but are not limited to, data-enabled, cellular telephone **28**, laptop computer **30**, personal digital assistant **32**, personal computer **34**, a notebook computer (not shown), a server computer (not shown), a gaming console (not shown), a smart television (not shown), and a dedicated network device (not shown). Client electronic devices **28**, **30**, **32**, **34** may each execute an operating system, examples of which may include but are not limited to Microsoft Windows™, Android™, WebOS™, iOS™, Redhat Linux™, or a custom operating system.

[0029] Additionally/alternatively, virtual desktops and virtual machines may be utilized to access event detection process **10**. As is known in the art, a virtual machine (VM) is a software-based

emulation of a physical computer, allowing multiple operating systems to run simultaneously on a single physical machine. It functions as an isolated environment that mimics the hardware of a computer, enabling users to install and operate operating systems and applications as if they were on a dedicated physical device. Virtual machines are managed by a hypervisor, which allocates resources such as CPU, memory, and storage to each VM while ensuring they operate independently from one another. This technology is widely used for software testing, running legacy applications, server consolidation, and creating secure environments. By abstracting hardware, virtual machines provide flexibility, scalability, and cost efficiency in both development and production settings. As is known in the art, a virtual desktop is a computing environment that allows users to access a desktop operating system and applications hosted on a remote server rather than a local device. Delivered through technologies like Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) or cloud services, a virtual desktop provides a consistent, customizable workspace accessible from various devices, including laptops, tablets, and smartphones. This setup enables centralized management of desktops, ensuring that updates, security, and backups are handled on the server side, enhancing IT efficiency and reducing maintenance costs. Virtual desktops are widely used for remote work, as they allow employees to securely access their work environment from anywhere, while businesses benefit from enhanced data security, scalability, and reduced hardware dependency.

[0030] Users **36, 38, 40, 42** may access event detection process **10** directly through network **14** or through secondary network **18**. Further, event detection process **10** may be connected to network **14** through secondary network **18**, as illustrated with link line **44**.

[0031] The various client electronic devices (e.g., client electronic devices **28, 30, 32, 34**) may be directly or indirectly coupled to network **14** (or network **18**). For example, data-enabled, cellular telephone **28** and laptop computer **30** are shown wirelessly coupled to network **14** via wireless communication channels **46, 48** (respectively) established between data-enabled, cellular telephone **28**, laptop computer **30** (respectively) and cellular network/bridge **50**, which is shown directly coupled to network **14**. Further, personal digital assistant **32** is shown wirelessly coupled to network **14** via wireless communication channel **52** established between personal digital assistant **32** and wireless access point (i.e., WAP) **54**, which is shown directly coupled to network **14**. Additionally, personal computer **34** is shown directly coupled to network **18** via a hardwired network connection.

[0032] WAP **54** may be, for example, an IEEE 802.11a, 802.11b, 802.11g, 802.11n, Wi-Fi, and/or Bluetooth device that is capable of establishing wireless communication channel **52** between personal digital assistant **32** and WAP **54**. As is known in the art, IEEE 802.11x specifications may use Ethernet protocol and carrier sense multiple access with collision avoidance (i.e., CSMA/CA) for path sharing. The various 802.11x specifications may use phase-shift keying (i.e., PSK) modulation or complementary code keying (i.e., CCK) modulation, for example. As is known in the art, Bluetooth is a telecommunications industry specification that allows e.g., mobile phones, computers, and personal digital assistants to be interconnected using a short-range wireless connection.

Event Detection Process (Overview):

[0033] As discussed above and referring also to FIG. 2, event detection process **10** may monitor the status of a vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) to determine whether a reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**) has occurred. Examples of such a reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**) may include but is not limited to a vehicle theft event, a vehicle vandalism event, a vehicle accident event, and a vehicle assistance event.

[0034] A vehicle theft event refers to a situation where a monitoring system (e.g., event detection process **10**) detects unauthorized access or movement of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**), indicating a possible theft attempt. This could be triggered by forced entry, ignition without a valid key, or the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) moving without proper authorization.

[0035] A vehicle vandalism event occurs when a monitoring system (e.g., event detection process **10**) detects damage to the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) caused by external forces, such as broken windows, scratched paint, or defaced surfaces. This can be identified using impact sensors, motion detectors, or even surveillance cameras integrated into the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**).

[0036] A vehicle accident event may involve the monitoring system (e.g., event detection process **10**) detecting a collision or sudden impact, typically using accelerometers, gyroscopes, and crash sensors included within the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**).

[0037] A vehicle assistance event may involve situations where the driver or occupants require help due to mechanical failure, a flat tire, low fuel, or other operational issues. The monitoring system (e.g., event detection process **10**) may monitor vehicle diagnostics in real time.

[0038] As will be discussed below and in the event that such a reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**) is detected, notifications (e.g., notification **104**) may be made and the notified party (e.g., owner **106**, law enforcement personnel **108**, emergency personnel **110** and/or roadside assistance personnel **112**) may effectuate one or more remedial actions.

Concept 1—Detection

[0039] As will be discussed below in greater detail, event detection process **10** may monitor the status of a vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) to determine if the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) is experiencing a reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**).

[0040] Referring also to FIG. **3**, event detection process **10** may define **200** criteria (e.g., criteria **114**) that identifies such reporting events (e.g., reporting event **102**) for the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**). As discussed above, examples of such a reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**) may include but are not limited to a vehicle theft event, a vehicle vandalism event, a vehicle accident event, and a vehicle assistance event. Such criteria (e.g., criteria **114**) may be defined by a user (e.g., user **116**) of event detection process **10**, wherein such user (e.g., user **116**) may be owner **106** or an administrator of event detection process **10**.

[0041] Concerning the criteria (e.g., criteria **114**) defined **200** for these reporting events (e.g., reporting event **102**), such criteria may vary depending upon the type of reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**).

[0042] For example and concerning a vehicle theft event which refers to a situation where a monitoring system (e.g., event detection process **10**) detects unauthorized access or movement of a vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**), such “vehicle theft” criteria (e.g., criteria **114**) may include but is not limited to the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being moved from its parking space, the immobilizer of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being bypassed, the door of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being opened without the alarm being disabled, and the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being placed at an extreme angle (e.g., as if being pulled onto a car carrier). Accordingly, such “vehicle theft” criteria (e.g., criteria **114**) defined by the user (e.g., user **116**) may include but is not limited to the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being moved outside of its geofenced location (e.g., geofenced location **118**); an immobilizer (e.g., immobilizer **120**) of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) indicating that it has been bypassed/disabled, the triggering of an alarm (e.g., alarm **122**) of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**), and an angle sensor (e.g., angle sensor **124**) of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) indicating that the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) has been placed at a considerable angle (e.g., a 15 degrees change with respect to the original angle).

[0043] A geofenced location (e.g., geofenced location **118**) of a vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) refers to a virtual boundary or predefined geographic area set by the vehicle owner (e.g., owner **106**) or monitoring system (e.g., event detection process **10**). This boundary is defined using GPS coordinates, creating a “safe zone” where the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) is expected to remain. If the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) moves outside of this designated area, the system may immediately detect the breach and triggers an alert. Geofencing is particularly useful in vehicle theft detection systems (e.g., event detection process **10**) because it adds an extra layer of monitoring. If a vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) is stolen and driven outside the established geofenced zone (e.g., geofenced

location **118**), the system (e.g., event detection process **10**) can quickly alert the owner (e.g., owner **106**) or law enforcement (e.g., law enforcement personnel **108**) of the unauthorized movement, allowing for a rapid response.

[0044] All of the information needed to identify a vehicle theft event may be obtained by processing telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) that is available concerning the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**). Telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) in the context of a vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) refers to the real-time/quasi-real-time transmission of data collected from various sensors and systems within the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**). This data may include a wide range of information, such as the vehicle's location (via GPS), speed, engine performance, fuel levels, tire pressure, battery health, and even driving patterns like acceleration, braking, and cornering. This data is often sent wirelessly to a cloud-based platform or monitoring system for processing and analysis. Telematic information may be processed to determine the status of a vehicle by analyzing these data points in relation to predefined parameters or thresholds. For example, if the system detects an abnormal drop in tire pressure or an engine misfire, it can flag this as a potential mechanical issue. Similarly, if the location of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) suddenly shifts outside of a geofenced area (e.g., geofenced location **118**), it can indicate a theft. Advanced analytics or AI algorithms can also track driving behavior to detect signs of an accident, such as sudden deceleration or impact, and trigger automatic emergency alerts. Additionally, telematics can monitor the health of the vehicle's battery, fuel levels, and other vital components to alert the driver of any upcoming maintenance needs or failures. In essence, telematic information may provide a comprehensive snapshot of the real-time condition and performance of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**), enabling interested parties to receive alerts and updates about potential issues or abnormal events, ensuring prompt actions can be taken when necessary.

[0045] Additionally, artificial intelligence (e.g., artificial intelligence process **128**) may be utilized to identify patterns in the behavior of a vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) and detect potential theft by analyzing historical data and recognizing deviations from normal routines. For example, if a vehicle typically stays parked in the same location, such as a driveway, between 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM, the event detection process (e.g., event detection process **10**) using artificial intelligence process **128** may learn this habitual pattern over time by processing the vehicle's telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**), including GPS coordinates and timestamps. The artificial intelligence (e.g., artificial intelligence process **128**) would be able to establish a “normal” vehicle behavior pattern based upon this information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**).

[0046] Once event detection process **10** has built this baseline, event detection process **10** may continuously monitor the vehicle's location and movements in real-time. If the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **10**) leaves its usual parking spot, say, at 2:00 AM . . . or an hour earlier than usual . . . or during a time when it is not typically in use, the artificial intelligence (e.g., artificial intelligence process **128**) can recognize this as an anomaly. Event detection process **10** may then flag this event as potentially suspicious. The artificial intelligence (e.g., artificial intelligence process **128**) may also take other factors into account, such as the vehicle's speed or direction of travel, to further assess the likelihood of theft. For instance, if the vehicle moves rapidly away from its location and does not follow typical routes or patterns for the owner (e.g., heading toward an unfamiliar area), the artificial intelligence (e.g., artificial intelligence process **128**) could identify this as a higher probability of theft. Event detection process **10** may then trigger an alert.

[0047] Further and concerning a vehicle vandalism event which occurs when a monitoring system (e.g., event detection process **10**) detects damage to the vehicle caused by external forces, such as broken windows, scratched paint, or defaced surfaces, such “vehicle vandalism” criteria (e.g., criteria **114**) may include but is not limited to the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) moving within its parking space (e.g., as if someone is rummaging through/defacing the vehicle), the immobilizer of

the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being bypassed, the door/trunk of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being opened without the alarm being disabled, and a portion of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being lifted (e.g., as if it is being jacked up to remove its wheels). Accordingly, such “vehicle vandalism” criteria (e.g., criteria **114**) defined by the user (e.g., user **116**) may include but is not limited to the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being moved in a manner that is sensed by vehicle-based accelerometers/motion sensors/cameras (e.g., sensors **130**); an immobilizer (e.g., immobilizer **120**) of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) indicating that it has been bypassed/disabled, the triggering of an alarm (e.g., alarm **122**) of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**), and an angle sensor (e.g., angle sensor **124**) of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) indicating that some portion of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) has been raised (e.g., a 5 degrees change with respect to the original angle).

[0048] All of the information needed to identify a vehicle vandalism event may be obtained by processing telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) that is available concerning the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**).

[0049] Additionally and concerning a vehicle accident event which involves the monitoring system (e.g., event detection process **10**) detecting a collision or sudden impact (e.g., using accelerometers, gyroscopes, and crash sensors), such criteria (e.g., “vehicle accident” criteria **114**) may include but is not limited to the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) experiencing a hard impact (e.g., an impact that results in deceleration of over 10 Gs), and the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) deploying its airbag (e.g., airbag **132**). Accordingly, such “vehicle accident” criteria (e.g., criteria **114**) defined by the user (e.g., user **116**) may include but is not limited to the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being involved in a high G impact event as sensed by vehicle-based accelerometers/motion sensors/cameras (e.g., sensors **130**); and the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being involved in an incident that deploys its airbag (e.g., airbag **132**).

[0050] All of the information needed to identify a vehicle vandalism event may be obtained by processing telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) that is available concerning the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**).

[0051] Further and concerning a vehicle assistance event which involves the monitoring system (e.g., event detection process **10**) detecting a situation in which the driver or occupants require help, such criteria (e.g., “vehicle assistance” criteria **114**) may include but is not limited to the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) experiencing a mechanical failure (e.g., a transmission failure), the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) experiencing a flat tire/blowout, and the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) experiencing an out of fuel condition. Accordingly, such “vehicle assistance” criteria (e.g., criteria **114**) defined by the user (e.g., user **116**) may include but is not limited to the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) identifying a mechanical failure; the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) sensing a loss of air pressure in one or more of the tires; and the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) sensing a loss of fuel pressure in the fuel injection system.

[0052] All of the information needed to identify a vehicle vandalism event may be obtained by processing telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) that is available concerning the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**).

[0053] Accordingly, event detection process **10** may access **202** telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) received concerning the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**), thus defining vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**). For example and when accessing **202** telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) received concerning the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**), event detection process **10** may access **204** a third party data repository (e.g., data repository **134**) that contains the telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) via an application program interface (e.g., API **136**). An example of such a third party data repository (e.g., data repository **134**) may include but is not limited to SmartCar.

[0054] Smartcar is a technology company that provides a standardized API platform for accessing connected vehicle data across multiple car brands. It enables developers, businesses, and service

providers to integrate telematics data from vehicles without needing to interact directly with multiple automakers' proprietary systems. By offering a manufacturer-agnostic solution, Smartcar simplifies vehicle data retrieval, allowing applications to access key telematic information such as GPS location, odometer readings, fuel or battery levels, tire pressure, lock/unlock status, and engine diagnostics in a secure and standardized way.

[0055] Smartcar connects to vehicles through their built-in OEM telematics systems, the same systems that allow modern cars to communicate with mobile apps from their manufacturers. Instead of businesses having to build separate integrations for each automaker, Smartcar provides a single API that works across multiple brands, streamlining the process of accessing telematic data. The system operates by first requiring vehicle owners to grant explicit permission for an application to access their car's data through Smartcar's authentication system, which follows the OAuth 2.0 standard. This ensures that only authorized applications and users can access vehicle data, maintaining security and privacy. Once authorized, Smartcar's API allows applications to request specific telematic data from the vehicle, such as its current location, speed, engine status, and mileage. The vehicle sends this data to the manufacturer's cloud servers, which Smartcar then accesses and delivers to the client application.

[0056] One of the key advantages of Smartcar is its ability to standardize vehicle data access without requiring additional hardware, unlike traditional OBD-II dongles. By using a car's built-in connectivity, Smartcar eliminates the need for physical modifications while providing seamless integration. Its use of OAuth 2.0 ensures that user privacy is maintained, and data access is controlled by the vehicle owner. Additionally, its scalable API allows businesses to integrate vehicle telematics without needing custom solutions for each automaker. Overall, Smartcar simplifies the process of accessing and utilizing connected vehicle data, making it a valuable tool for mobility services, fleet management, and security applications.

[0057] Telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) from a specific vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) may be wirelessly obtained through a combination of onboard sensors, telematics units, and communication networks. These telematics units, typically integrated into modern vehicles, continuously collect data from various sensors that monitor the vehicle's performance, location, and environmental conditions. The sensors may track metrics like speed, fuel consumption, tire pressure, engine health, GPS coordinates, and even driver behavior (such as braking patterns or acceleration). This data may then be transmitted via wireless communication networks, often using cellular data (4G, 5G), Wi-Fi, or satellite connections, depending on the vehicle's connectivity capabilities and the available infrastructure. Once transmitted, the telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) is typically stored in a cloud-based data repository (e.g., data repository **134**). This repository (e.g., data repository **134**) acts as a secure storage location for the collected data, where it can be indexed, categorized, and easily accessed for analysis (e.g., by event detection process **10**). The stored data may be organized in real-time or historical formats, allowing users to track the vehicle's performance over time. The information may then be processed and analyzed using specialized software tools that evaluate various parameters against predefined thresholds. For example, if tire pressure readings fall below a safe level or if the vehicle deviates from its planned route (e.g., it enters a restricted area or a geofenced zone), an alert may be triggered. This stored telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) may then be made available to event detection process **10**.

[0058] To make this telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) available to the event detection process (e.g., event detection process **10**) via an application program interface (i.e., API), the vehicle's telematics system (e.g., telematic system **138**) must be designed to interface with external platforms. For example, the vehicle's telematics system (e.g., telematic system **138**) may collect data such as GPS location, speed, tire pressure, and engine performance, which may then be wirelessly transmitted to a central cloud-based repository (e.g., data repository **134**). This central cloud-based repository (e.g., data repository **134**) is equipped

with an API (e.g., API **136**) that exposes endpoints for specific data, such as location or sensor readings. When the event detection process (e.g., event detection process **10**) needs to assess the status of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**), event detection process **10** sends a request to the API (e.g., API **136**), specifying the type of data required (e.g., the vehicle's current location or health metrics). The central cloud-based repository (e.g., data repository **134**) may process the request and may return the data in a structured format (e.g., JSON or XML). The event detection process (e.g., event detection process **10**) may then analyze the data to identify potential events, such as a geofence breach, a sudden impact indicating a collision, or abnormal readings from engine or tire sensors that suggest mechanical issues. If an event (e.g., reporting event **102**) is detected, the process (e.g., event detection process **10**) may trigger an appropriate response, such as sending an alert to the owner or authorities or activating a vehicle immobilizer. The API (e.g., API **136**) may enable the event detection process (e.g., event detection process **10**) to continuously monitor the status of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) in real-time or periodically check for anomalies, ensuring that timely interventions can be made based on the data received. This integration between the telematics system (e.g., telematic system **138**) and the event detection process (e.g., event detection process **10**) may allow for seamless communication and effective vehicle management, including the early detection of theft, vandalism, or mechanical failures.

[0059] Event detection process **10** may process **206** the vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) to determine if a reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**) has occurred.

[0060] For example and when processing **206** the vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) to determine if the reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**) has occurred, event detection process **10** may process **208** the vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) to determine if the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) has moved outside of a geofenced region (e.g., geofenced location **118**). As discussed above, indications of a vehicle theft event may include but are not limited to the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being moved from its parking space, the immobilizer of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being bypassed, the door of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being opened without the alarm being disabled, and the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being placed at an extreme angle (e.g., as if being pulled onto a car carrier). Accordingly, if the vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) includes such indications, event detection process **10** may determine that a vehicle theft event (e.g., reporting event **102**) has occurred.

[0061] Further and when processing **206** the vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) to determine if the reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**) has occurred, event detection process **10** may process **210** the vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) to determine if the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) has moved in a pattern indicative of vandalism. As discussed above, indications of a vehicle vandalism event may include but are not limited to the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) moving within its parking space (e.g., as if someone is rummaging through/defacing the vehicle), the immobilizer of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being bypassed, the door/trunk of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being opened without the alarm being disabled, and a portion of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being lifted (e.g., as if it is being jacked up to remove its wheels). Accordingly, if the vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) includes such indications, event detection process **10** may determine that a vehicle vandalism event (e.g., reporting event **102**) has occurred.

[0062] Additionally and when processing **206** the vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) to determine if the reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**) has occurred, event detection process **10** may process **212** the vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) to determine if the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) has experienced an accident. As discussed above, indications of a vehicle accident

event may include but are not limited to the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) experiencing a hard impact (e.g., an impact that results in deceleration of over 10 Gs), and the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) deploying its airbag (e.g., airbag **132**). Accordingly, if the vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) includes such indications, event detection process **10** may determine that a vehicle accident event (e.g., reporting event **102**) has occurred.

[0063] Further and when processing **206** the vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) to determine if the reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**) has occurred, event detection process **10** may process **214** the vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) to determine if the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) is in need of assistance. As discussed above, indications of a vehicle assistance event may include but are not limited to the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) experiencing a mechanical failure (e.g., a transmission failure), the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) experiencing a flat tire/blowout, and the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) experiencing an out of fuel condition. Accordingly, if the vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) includes such indications, event detection process **10** may determine that a vehicle assistance event (e.g., reporting event **102**) has occurred.

[0064] If the reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**) has occurred, event detection process **10** may notify **216** an interested party concerning the occurrence of the reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**), thus defining a notified party (e.g., notified party **140**).

[0065] For example and when notifying **216** an interested party (e.g., notified party **140**) concerning the occurrence of the reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**), event detection process **10** may notify **218** an owner (e.g., owner **106**) of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) of the occurrence of the reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**). Accordingly, event detection process **10** may notify **218** owner **106** that it appears that vehicle **100** has been stolen (e.g., as it is no longer within geofenced location **118**) so that remedial actions may be taken (e.g., notifying law enforcement).

[0066] Further and when notifying **216** an interested party (e.g., notified party **140**) concerning the occurrence of the reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**), event detection process **10** may notify **220** law enforcement personnel (e.g., law enforcement personnel **108**) of the occurrence of the reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**). Accordingly, event detection process **10** may notify **220** law enforcement personnel **108** that it appears that vehicle **100** has been stolen (e.g., as it is no longer within geofenced location **118**) so that remedial actions may be taken (e.g., a police cruiser may be dispatched).

[0067] Additionally and when notifying **216** an interested party (e.g., notified party **140**) concerning the occurrence of the reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**), event detection process **10** may notify **222** emergency personnel (e.g., emergency personnel **110**) of the occurrence of the reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**). Accordingly, event detection process **10** may notify **222** emergency personnel **110** that it appears that vehicle **100** has been e.g., involved in an accident (e.g., as an airbag was deployed) so that remedial actions may be taken (e.g., dispatching an ambulance).

[0068] Further and when notifying **216** an interested party (e.g., notified party **140**) concerning the occurrence of the reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**), event detection process **10** may notify **224** roadside assistance (e.g., roadside assistance personnel **112**) of the occurrence of the reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**). Accordingly, event detection process **10** may notify **224** roadside assistance personnel **112** that it appears that vehicle **100** has e.g., broken down on the side of the road (e.g., two flat tires) so that remedial actions may be taken (e.g., dispatching a tow truck).

[0069] Event detection process **10** may enable **226** the notified party (e.g., notified party **140**) to notify additional parties. For example, assume that the notified party (e.g., notified party **140**) is the owner (e.g., owner **106**) of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**). Accordingly and when enabling **226** the

notified party (e.g., notified party **140**) to notify additional parties, event detection process **10** may enable **228** the owner (e.g., owner **106**) of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) to notify one or more of: law enforcement personnel **108**, emergency personnel **110**, and roadside assistance personnel **112**. Accordingly and when event detection process **10** notifies **218** owner **106** that it appears that vehicle **100** has been stolen (e.g., as it is no longer within geofenced location **118**), event detection process **10** may inquire of the vehicle owner (e.g., **106**) if they moved the car. And if not, event detection process **10** may enable **228** the owner (e.g., owner **106**) of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) to notify one or more of: law enforcement personnel **108**.

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[0070] As discussed above, event detection process **10** may monitor the status of a vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) to determine if the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) is experiencing a reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**). And if such a reporting event (e.g., reporting event **102**) is occurring, law enforcement personnel may be notified so that remedial action may be taken. As will be discussed below in greater detail, event detection process **10** may be utilized by law enforcement to implement a vast array of such remedial actions.

[0071] Referring also to FIG. **4** and as discussed above, event detection process **10** may define **300** criteria (e.g., criteria **114**) that identifies a vehicle theft event for the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**).

[0072] As discussed above, a vehicle theft event refers to a situation where a monitoring system (e.g., event detection process **10**) detects unauthorized access or movement of a vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**). Such “vehicle theft” criteria (e.g., criteria **114**) may include but is not limited to the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being moved from its parking space, the immobilizer of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being bypassed, the door of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being opened without the alarm being disabled, and the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being placed at an extreme angle (e.g., as if being pulled onto a car carrier). Accordingly, such “vehicle theft” criteria (e.g., criteria **114**) defined by the user (e.g., user **116**) may include but is not limited to the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being moved outside of its geofenced location (e.g., geofenced location **118**); an immobilizer (e.g., immobilizer **120**) of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) indicating that it has been bypassed/disabled, the triggering of an alarm (e.g., alarm **122**) of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**), and an angle sensor (e.g., angle sensor **124**) of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) indicating that the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) has been placed at a considerable angle (e.g., a 15 degrees change with respect to the original angle).

[0073] Further and as discussed above, event detection process **10** may access **302** telematic information received concerning the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**), thus defining vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**). As discussed above, telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) in the context of a vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) refers to the real-time/quasi-real-time transmission of data collected from various sensors and systems within the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**). This data may include a wide range of information, such as the vehicle's location (via GPS), speed, engine performance, fuel levels, tire pressure, battery health, and even driving patterns like acceleration, braking, and cornering.

[0074] As discussed above and when accessing **302** telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) received concerning the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**), event detection process **10** may access **304** a third party data repository (e.g., data repository **134**) that contains the telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) via an application program interface (e.g., API **136**).

[0075] As discussed above and to make this telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) available to the event detection process (e.g., event detection process **10**) via an application program interface (i.e., API), the vehicle's telematics system (e.g., telematic system **138**) must be designed to interface with external platforms. For example, the vehicle's telematics system (e.g., telematic system **138**) may collect data such as GPS location, speed, tire pressure, and engine performance, which may then be wirelessly transmitted to a central cloud-based repository

(e.g., data repository **134**). This central cloud-based repository (e.g., data repository **134**) is equipped with an API (e.g., API **136**) that exposes endpoints for specific data, such as location or sensor readings. When the event detection process (e.g., event detection process **10**) needs to assess the status of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**), event detection process **10** sends a request to the API (e.g., API **136**), specifying the type of data required (e.g., the vehicle's current location or health metrics). The central cloud-based repository (e.g., data repository **134**) may process the request and may return the data in a structured format (e.g., JSON or XML).

[0076] As discussed above, event detection process **10** may process **306** the vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) to determine if (in this example) a vehicle theft event (e.g., reporting event **102**) has occurred.

[0077] For example and when processing **306** the vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) to determine if (in this example) the vehicle theft event (e.g., reporting event **102**) has occurred, event detection process **10** may process **308** the vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) to determine if the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) has moved outside of a geofenced region (e.g., geofenced location **118**). As discussed above, indications of a vehicle theft event may include but are not limited to the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being moved from its parking space, the immobilizer of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being bypassed, the door of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being opened without the alarm being disabled, and the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) being placed at an extreme angle (e.g., as if being pulled onto a car carrier). Accordingly, if the vehicle-specific telematic information (e.g., vehicle-specific telematic information **126**) includes such indications, event detection process **10** may determine that a vehicle theft event (e.g., reporting event **102**) has occurred.

[0078] Once it is determined that such a vehicle theft event (e.g., reporting event **102**) has occurred, event detection process **10** may generate **310** a notification (e.g., notification **104**) concerning the occurrence of a vehicle theft event (e.g., reporting event **102**) for a vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**). This notification (e.g., notification **104**) may contain various pieces of information concerning vehicle **100**, examples of which may include but are not limited to: the make/model/year of vehicle **100**, the owner of vehicle **100**, the registered address of vehicle **100**, the license plate of vehicle **100**, the color of vehicle **100**, the last known location of vehicle **100**, and the current trajectory of vehicle **100**.

[0079] Once generated **310**, event detection process **10** may provide **312** the notification (e.g., notification **104**) of the vehicle theft event to law enforcement personnel (e.g., law enforcement personnel **108**), wherein event detection process **10** may enable **314** the law enforcement personnel (e.g., law enforcement personnel **108**) to effectuate one or more remedial actions concerning the vehicle theft event.

[0080] For example and when enabling **314** the law enforcement personnel (e.g., law enforcement personnel **108**) to effectuate one or more remedial actions concerning the vehicle theft event, event detection process **10** may enable **316** the law enforcement personnel (e.g., law enforcement personnel **108**) to dispatch personnel to investigate the vehicle theft event. For example, law enforcement personnel **108** may dispatch a police cruiser (e.g., police cruiser **142**) and/or one or more police officers to investigate the vehicle theft event, wherein these assets may be deployed to e.g., the location of the vehicle theft or the last known location of the stolen vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**).

[0081] Further and when enabling **314** the law enforcement personnel (e.g., law enforcement personnel **108**) to effectuate one or more remedial actions concerning the vehicle theft event, event detection process **10** may enable **318** the law enforcement personnel (e.g., law enforcement personnel **108**) to dispatch a drone (e.g., drone **144**) to investigate the vehicle theft event. For example, law enforcement personnel **108** may dispatch a drone (e.g., drone **144**) to investigate the vehicle theft event, wherein this asset may be deployed to e.g., the last known location of the stolen vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**).

[0082] Additionally and when enabling **314** the law enforcement personnel (e.g., law enforcement personnel **108**) to effectuate one or more remedial actions concerning the vehicle theft event, event detection process **10** may enable **320** the law enforcement personnel (e.g., law enforcement personnel **108**) to initiate a Be On the LookOut (BOLO) bulletin concerning the vehicle theft event. For example, event detection process **10** may enable **320** the law enforcement personnel (e.g., law enforcement personnel **108**) to initiate a Be On the LookOut (BOLO) bulletin for all law enforcement personnel (e.g., law enforcement personnel **108**) currently on duty.

[0083] Further and when enabling **314** the law enforcement personnel (e.g., law enforcement personnel **108**) to effectuate one or more remedial actions concerning the vehicle theft event, event detection process **10** may notify **322** law enforcement personnel (e.g., law enforcement personnel **108**) proximate the last known location of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) of the vehicle theft event. For example, assume that the vehicle theft occurred in New York City and the last known location of the stolen vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**) is Midtown Manhattan. Accordingly, event detection process **10** may notify **322** law enforcement personnel (e.g., law enforcement personnel **108**) proximate (e.g., within a mile) of Midtown Manhattan.

[0084] Additionally, event detection process **10** may provide **324** the notification (e.g., notification **104**) of the vehicle theft event to the owner (e.g., owner **106**) of the vehicle (e.g., vehicle **100**).

General

[0085] As will be appreciated by one skilled in the art, the present disclosure may be embodied as a method, a system, or a computer program product. Accordingly, the present disclosure may take the form of an entirely hardware embodiment, an entirely software embodiment (including firmware, resident software, micro-code, etc.) or an embodiment combining software and hardware aspects that may all generally be referred to herein as a “circuit,” “module” or “system.” Furthermore, the present disclosure may take the form of a computer program product on a computer-usable storage medium having computer-usable program code embodied in the medium.

[0086] Any suitable computer usable or computer readable medium may be utilized. The computer-usable or computer-readable medium may be, for example but not limited to, an electronic, magnetic, optical, electromagnetic, infrared, or semiconductor system, apparatus, device, or propagation medium. More specific examples (a non-exhaustive list) of the computer-readable medium may include the following: an electrical connection having one or more wires, a portable computer diskette, a hard disk, a random access memory (RAM), a read-only memory (ROM), an erasable programmable read-only memory (EPROM or Flash memory), an optical fiber, a portable compact disc read-only memory (CD-ROM), an optical storage device, a transmission media such as those supporting the Internet or an intranet, or a magnetic storage device. The computer-usable or computer-readable medium may also be paper or another suitable medium upon which the program is printed, as the program can be electronically captured, via, for instance, optical scanning of the paper or other medium, then compiled, interpreted, or otherwise processed in a suitable manner, if necessary, and then stored in a computer memory. In the context of this document, a computer-usable or computer-readable medium may be any medium that can contain, store, communicate, propagate, or transport the program for use by or in connection with the instruction execution system, apparatus, or device. The computer-usable medium may include a propagated data signal with the computer-usable program code embodied therewith, either in baseband or as part of a carrier wave. The computer usable program code may be transmitted using any appropriate medium, including but not limited to the Internet, wireline, optical fiber cable, RF, etc.

[0087] Computer program code for carrying out operations of the present disclosure may be written in an object oriented programming language such as Java, Smalltalk, C++ or the like. However, the computer program code for carrying out operations of the present disclosure may also be written in conventional procedural programming languages, such as the “C” programming language or similar programming languages. The program code may execute entirely on the user's computer,

partly on the user's computer, as a stand-alone software package, partly on the user's computer and partly on a remote computer or entirely on the remote computer or server. In the latter scenario, the remote computer may be connected to the user's computer through a local area network/a wide area network/the Internet (e.g., network **14**).

[0088] The present disclosure is described with reference to flowchart illustrations and/or block diagrams of methods, apparatus (systems) and computer program products according to embodiments of the disclosure. It will be understood that each block of the flowchart illustrations and/or block diagrams, and combinations of blocks in the flowchart illustrations and/or block diagrams, may be implemented by computer program instructions. These computer program instructions may be provided to a processor of a general purpose computer/special purpose computer/other programmable legal research processing apparatus, such that the instructions, which execute via the processor of the computer or other programmable legal research processing apparatus, create means for implementing the functions/acts specified in the flowchart and/or block diagram block or blocks.

[0089] These computer program instructions may also be stored in a computer-readable memory that may direct a computer or other programmable legal research processing apparatus to function in a particular manner, such that the instructions stored in the computer-readable memory produce an article of manufacture including instruction means which implement the function/act specified in the flowchart and/or block diagram block or blocks.

[0090] The computer program instructions may also be loaded onto a computer or other programmable legal research processing apparatus to cause a series of operational steps to be performed on the computer or other programmable apparatus to produce a computer implemented process such that the instructions which execute on the computer or other programmable apparatus provide steps for implementing the functions/acts specified in the flowchart and/or block diagram block or blocks.

[0091] The flowcharts and block diagrams in the figures may illustrate the architecture, functionality, and operation of possible implementations of systems, methods and computer program products according to various embodiments of the present disclosure. In this regard, each block in the flowchart or block diagrams may represent a module, segment, or portion of code, which comprises one or more executable instructions for implementing the specified logical function(s). It should also be noted that, in some alternative implementations, the functions noted in the block may occur out of the order noted in the figures. For example, two blocks shown in succession may, in fact, be executed substantially concurrently, or the blocks may sometimes be executed in the reverse order, depending upon the functionality involved. It will also be noted that each block of the block diagrams and/or flowchart illustrations, and combinations of blocks in the block diagrams and/or flowchart illustrations, may be implemented by special purpose hardware-based systems that perform the specified functions or acts, or combinations of special purpose hardware and computer instructions.

[0092] The terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular embodiments only and is not intended to be limiting of the disclosure. As used herein, the singular forms “a”, “an” and “the” are intended to include the plural forms as well, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. It will be further understood that the terms “comprises” and/or “comprising,” when used in this specification, specify the presence of stated features, integers, steps, operations, elements, and/or components, but do not preclude the presence or addition of one or more other features, integers, steps, operations, elements, components, and/or groups thereof.

[0093] The corresponding structures, materials, acts, and equivalents of all means or step plus function elements in the claims below are intended to include any structure, material, or act for performing the function in combination with other claimed elements as specifically claimed. The description of the present disclosure has been presented for purposes of illustration and description, but is not intended to be exhaustive or limited to the disclosure in the form disclosed. Many

modifications and variations will be apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art without departing from the scope and spirit of the disclosure. The embodiment was chosen and described in order to best explain the principles of the disclosure and the practical application, and to enable others of ordinary skill in the art to understand the disclosure for various embodiments with various modifications as are suited to the particular use contemplated.

[0094] A number of implementations have been described. Having thus described the disclosure of the present application in detail and by reference to embodiments thereof, it will be apparent that modifications and variations are possible without departing from the scope of the disclosure defined in the appended claims.

Claims

1. A computer-implemented method, executed on a computing device, comprising: defining criteria that identifies a reporting event for a vehicle; accessing telematic information received concerning the vehicle, thus defining vehicle-specific telematic information; processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred; and if the reporting event has occurred, notifying an interested party concerning the occurrence of the reporting event, thus defining a notified party.
2. The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein the reporting event includes one or more of: a vehicle theft event; a vehicle vandalism event; a vehicle accident event; and a vehicle assistance event.
3. The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein accessing telematic information received concerning the vehicle includes: accessing a third party data repository that contains the telematic information via an application program interface.
4. The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred includes: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has moved outside of a geofenced region.
5. The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred includes: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has moved in a pattern indicative of vandalism.
6. The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred includes: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has experienced an accident.
7. The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred includes: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle is in need of assistance.
8. The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein notifying an interested party concerning the occurrence of the reporting event includes: notifying an owner of the vehicle of the occurrence of the reporting event; notifying law enforcement personnel of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event; notifying emergency personnel of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event; and notifying roadside assistance of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event.
9. The computer-implemented method of claim 1 further comprising: enabling the notified party to notify additional parties.
10. The computer-implemented method of claim 9 wherein the notified party is the owner of the vehicle and enabling the notified party to notify additional parties includes: enabling the owner of the vehicle to notify one or more of: law enforcement personnel, emergency personnel, and roadside assistance personnel.
11. A computer program product residing on a computer readable medium having a plurality of instructions stored thereon which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform

operations comprising: defining criteria that identifies a reporting event for a vehicle; accessing telematic information received concerning the vehicle, thus defining vehicle-specific telematic information; processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred; and if the reporting event has occurred, notifying an interested party concerning the occurrence of the reporting event, thus defining a notified party.

12. The computer program product of claim 11 wherein the reporting event includes one or more of: a vehicle theft event; a vehicle vandalism event; a vehicle accident event; and a vehicle assistance event.

13. The computer program product of claim 11 wherein accessing telematic information received concerning the vehicle includes: accessing a third party data repository that contains the telematic information via an application program interface.

14. The computer program product of claim 11 wherein processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred includes: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has moved outside of a geofenced region.

15. The computer program product of claim 11 wherein processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred includes: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has moved in a pattern indicative of vandalism.

16. The computer program product of claim 11 wherein processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred includes: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has experienced an accident.

17. The computer program product of claim 11 wherein processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred includes: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle is in need of assistance.

18. The computer program product of claim 11 wherein notifying an interested party concerning the occurrence of the reporting event includes: notifying an owner of the vehicle of the occurrence of the reporting event; notifying law enforcement personnel of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event; notifying emergency personnel of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event; and notifying roadside assistance of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event.

19. The computer program product of claim 11 further comprising: enabling the notified party to notify additional parties.

20. The computer program product of claim 19 wherein the notified party is the owner of the vehicle and enabling the notified party to notify additional parties includes: enabling the owner of the vehicle to notify one or more of: law enforcement personnel, emergency personnel, and roadside assistance personnel.

21. A computing system including a processor and memory configured to perform operations comprising: defining criteria that identifies a reporting event for a vehicle; accessing telematic information received concerning the vehicle, thus defining vehicle-specific telematic information; processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred; and if the reporting event has occurred, notifying an interested party concerning the occurrence of the reporting event, thus defining a notified party.

22. The computing system of claim 21 wherein the reporting event includes one or more of: a vehicle theft event; a vehicle vandalism event; a vehicle accident event; and a vehicle assistance event.

23. The computing system of claim 21 wherein accessing telematic information received concerning the vehicle includes: accessing a third party data repository that contains the telematic information via an application program interface.

24. The computing system of claim 21 wherein processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred includes: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has moved outside of a geofenced region.

- 25.** The computing system of claim 21 wherein processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred includes: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has moved in a pattern indicative of vandalism.
- 26.** The computing system of claim 21 wherein processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred includes: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle has experienced an accident.
- 27.** The computing system of claim 21 wherein processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the reporting event has occurred includes: processing the vehicle-specific telematic information to determine if the vehicle is in need of assistance.
- 28.** The computing system of claim 21 wherein notifying an interested party concerning the occurrence of the reporting event includes: notifying an owner of the vehicle of the occurrence of the reporting event; notifying law enforcement personnel of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event; notifying emergency personnel of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event; and notifying roadside assistance of the occurrence of occurrence of the reporting event.
- 29.** The computing system of claim 21 further comprising: enabling the notified party to notify additional parties.
- 30.** The computing system of claim 29 wherein the notified party is the owner of the vehicle and enabling the notified party to notify additional parties includes: enabling the owner of the vehicle to notify one or more of: law enforcement personnel, emergency personnel, and roadside assistance personnel.
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