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ABSTRACT

A method and system are described for enhancing the
security of calls made by a member of a controlled en-
vironment to an outside party, particularly when the outside
party communicates via a cellular phone. An application is
provided for the cellular device, which must communicate
and register with a calling platform of the controlled envi-
ronment. Certain elements of personal verification data are
obtained by the user of the cellular device and stored at the
calling platform for later reference. Calls from the inmate to
the cellular device cause the calling platform to issue a
notification to the user via the application. The user verifies
his/her identity using the application, after which the call can
be connected. As a further security measure, certain condi-
tions can be required and periodically checked during the
call to ensure the user remains verified.

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