SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING A CALLER USING ASSOCIATED SOUNDS

A system (10) and method for identifying a caller using associated voice or sound announcements is disclosed. An associated voice announcement or announcements may be in calling party’s own voice. The system (10) is capable of playing a different announcement in place of each ring. The different announcements may be played sequentially, randomly, or pseudo-randomly. Alternatively, a single announcement may be played in lieu of a single selected ring or in lieu of all rings after a specified ring.
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