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(57) Abstract :
A method for authenticating a chain of custody utilizing blockchain technology, in which

digital evidence or other digital content is acquired and then hashed to produce a hash fingerprint/signature, and then immediately or instantly submitting said hash fingerprint/signature to the blockchain using the blockchain network protocol, forming an immediate verifiable chain of custody without the involvement of a human or the involvement of a trusted third party, is described in detail.

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