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(54) **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ADAPTING A HOP SEQUENCE WHEN ESTABLISHING A COMMUNICATION CONNECTION**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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Methods and apparatus are provided for establishing a connection between a scanner device and a pager device over a sequence of hop channels. The scanner device is repetitively activated and a hop channel is selected from the sequence of hop channels as a function of a present phase. A determination is made as to whether the selected hop channel is a forbidden hop channel. A substitute hop channel is selected from the sequence of hop channels as the selected hop channel if the selected hop channel is a forbidden hop channel. The selected hop channel is monitored for receipt of a paging message during the present phase.

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